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For the US, war now has a face: the lost patrol of B Troop

BY KIM SENGUPTA and Andrew Marshall in Washington

THE PICTURES were grainy, staged, yet none the less dramatic for that - American soldiers with the Stars and Stripes clearly visible on their left shoulders, faces bruised and full of apprehension, appearing on Serbian television as prisoners of war

Until yesterday morning, few Americans knew that their country had ground forces anywhere near Kosovo. But there they were on the morning television shows - a shocking re-B Troop, 1st Squadron of the 4th Cavalry Regiment, captured on the border between Macedonia and Kosovo could have a huge impact in London, Brussels and Washington, as Nato confronts a war that is

Staff Sgt Andrew A Ramirez, Staff Sgt Christopher J Stone and Specialist Steven M Gonzales set off from their base at Kumanove at 7.30am on

Wednesday on a routine patrol. The 1st of the 4th is an old cavalry unit which long ago traded in its horses for

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Review, page 5 Humvees, all-terrain vehicles. "One Quarter Cav" - as the unit is known - was deployed to Macedonia on 3 March for "Task Force Able Sentry", a

reconnaissance exercise and

the terrain they covered along

the Macedonian border with Yugoslavia was rugged and hilly They carried only light weapons and were it is claimed under express orders not to cross into enemy territory. "They were observing the border and reporting on activities along the border," said Capt John Clearwater,

Division. Tim Baker, a photographer from the force's newspaper, Stars and Stripes, spent Tues-

spokesman for the 1st Infantry

day night and Wednesday on patrol with them. " They are just your basic, good soldiers, noth-

ing special." he said. You just kind of shoot the breeze with them. It's very cold up there, so at night you didn't really talk, just tried to keep

But the three men were in an area inhabited almost excluminder to Americans that war mission to observe the border bridges and roads on the has a face. The three men of area. They were on a daytime border to prevent Nato forces from crossing into Kosovo.

> the rest of the convov in the afternoon. But at around 2.30pm. things suddenly became anything but routine. There were frantic messages back to base that they were under fire and surrounded. Then there were was silence. Search-and-rescue teams numbering around a hundred, from the 1st Army Division were immediately scrambled to the area of the

sively by Serbs with their intrinsic sympathies with their kith and kin in former Yugoslavia. Armed bands roam the area, and, it is suspected. supply information to Serbian forces. There had been reports that the Serbs were mining There had been a build-up of patrol. Serb and KLA forces, and ris-

ing tension. The lost patrol split off from



search they failed to find the

The first reports hit the news wires and television at about 7.30pm in Washington. but there was confusion. At midnight. President Bill Clinton was informed, but still there was no news. Two hours later. the first pictures appeared. The next we saw, they were badly beaten up and shown on television in Belgrade." General Wesley Clark, Nato's Supreme

Commander, said yesterday. Coming so soon after the loss of the supposedly invisible

inquest is already under way.

The Yugoslav government says the patrol was in Kosovo; The State Department said the the US says it was in Macedonia. The unit had been in country for only a few weeks, though the military says it had trained for the mission for six months. "These men knew the terrain. Every indication that we've had is they were operating well within their boundaries (of Macedonial." The Humvees had satellite naviga-

tion equipment. The status of the unit was

radio message on British. "Stealth" fighter-bomber, the unclear "Able Sentry" had been have a long memory of these wrong will happen to them. We French and Italian helicopters. capture of the soldiers is a fur-But despite an exhaustive ther embarrassing blow to United Nations Preventive De-American military prestige. An ployment force, whose mandate had come to an end four days in Port Huron. Michigan, said earlier when China vetoed it. yesterday: "We simply don't

> soldiers were in "non-combatant status", but the White House told Congress last week that Task Force Able Sentry was to be assigned to Nato for protection purposes. Its future does not seem to have been finalised in detail. For the moment, there is

only shock, anger and fear. "We have all seen the pictures, we don't like it, we don't like the way they are treated and we

things," said General Clark.

Stone, speaking from his home know what is going on. We are pretty much in a state of shock. This is not the sort of thing you

Having milked the capture of the soldiers for utmost publicity value - by parading them on television in violation of the Geneva Convention's rules against humiliating captive soldiers - the Serbs still made a stab at appearing correct. The Yugoslavian Vice-President, Vuk Draskovic, said: "Nothing

are respecting the enemy. We Staff Sgt Stone's father, Jim will be sticking to the terms of the Geneva Convention, you can be sure of that." He then added more ominously: "They are going to face Serb justice".

Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, said vesterday that the three would be tried under mil-

Mr Clinton, speaking at the Norfolk naval base in Virginia, warned: "President Milosevic should make no mistake, the United States takes care of its own." But for the boys of the lost patrol, it may prove to be a long drawn out stay in the care of the Yugoslav military.

Pensioner gets life for murdering Jews

A LIMPING, white-haired pen-sioner yesterday become the first person to be convicted in Britain of war crimes committed during the Second World War. In an historic decision, an Old Bailey jury found Anthony Sawoniuk, 78, guilty of mur-dering 18 Jews white serving as a police officer in Nazi-occupied

Belarus between 1941 and 1944. None of the jurors was born when Sawoniuk committed the crimes for which he was sentenced to life imprisonment. He is the second oldest person in

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

British legal history to receive such a sentence.

During the eight-week trial, the court heard how Sawoniuk, from south London, was actively involved in the Nazis' so-called Final Solution. Recruited in his home town of Domachevo, he enthusiastically led "search and kill" operations to track down those who escaped the massacre of 2,900 Jews on 20 September 1942. At least one witness said Sawoniuk

massacre. The judge, Mr Justice Potts, told Sawoniuk: "Although you held a lowly rank in the hierarchy of those involved in the liquidation of Jews in eastern Europe, to the Jews of

Domachevo, it must have The jury took three days to reach its verdicts. Sawoniuk was found guilty unanimously on the first count of murder and by a majority on the second count. As the jury returned its verdict Sawoniuk, pale and

was present on the day of the troubled slumped backwards in his seat.

> The trial which cost an estimated £1m. was the result of an eight-year investigation into war crimes costing £10m. Sawoniuk is likely to be one of just two people to be charged.

Sawoniuk's solicitor. Martin Lee, said: "We are instructed to consider grounds for appealing against conviction. In my view this case has demonstrated that the War Crimes Act 1991 has established a bad precedent in respect of retrospective criminal

legislation, Retroactive criminal legislation is bad practice and I cannot now see how this prosecution has made it good law. Millions have been wasted by the Government on prosecuting a nobody from south London when hundreds of relatives of the survivors of the First and

Second World Wars are des-

The Crown Prosecution Service said the result was "a tribute to the courage and resilience of the witnesses". Nazis' hired killer, page 8

perate for recompense.



Blair confident as Ulster talks adjourn

SINN FEIN and the IRA were By David MCKITTRICK told yesterday by the British and Irish governments that an act of republican disarmament will be necessary to secure in an attempt to resolve the entry into Northern Ireland's new government.

from intensive negotiations at Hillsborough Castle near Belfast where Tony Blair, of the participants, of how an act David Trimble, the Ulster of decommissioning would en-Adams, Sinn Fein president, new executive that will run and other major players had Northern Ireland.

Ireland correspondent

spent days and nights closeted arms decommissioning issue.

The exercise failed to pro-That message emerged duce full agreement on how to proceed, but it did yield a detailed sketch, approved by most Unionist Party leader, Gerry sure Sinn Fein's entry into the

on the IRA and Sinn Fein, and on how they react to the consensus that decommissioning must accompany entry into the new government. The republicans are facing the fact that decommissioning is seen as an

That consensus was presented to the republicans not in the form of a challenge but in the most soothing language possi-

ers presenting decommissioning not as a demand but as "a collective act of reconciliation".

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heavy and they're hot

This would be accompanied by similar movement from loyalist paramilitary groups and by a relaxation of security meaobligation, not only by Mr Trimsures by the authorities. These ble but across the political steps would be co-ordinated with political moves to set up the executive. In this way Mr Trimble would achieve the decommissioning on which he veys no overt sense of an ultihas staked so much, while Sinn

All attention is now focused ble, with Mr Blair and the oth- Fein would be guaranteed its executive seats

> Negotiations har e been pencilled in for 13 At .il. Republicans and loyalists will come under pressure to take the steps that would open the way to devolution. Since neither side has given any sign it is preparing for disarmament, it will be a time of much anxiety.

Because the document is marked "working draft" it conmatum to the republicans, its

language has clearly been carefully designed to meet republican sensitivities, striving hard to avoid any implication that decommissioning would carry any overtone of surrender.

Mr Trimble seemed pleased. Mr Adams was non-committal. The latter now faces the options of seeking to sell decommissioning to the republican heartlands, or reporting back in 12 days that this is impossible, or seeking a renegotiation.

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Thousands more herded into wagons

THE REFUGEES By MARCUS TANNER

IN SCENES reminiscent of the Second World War, trains packed with refugees rolled towards the Macedonian border

The enforced deportations are bringing the Serbs closer to their goal of ethnically cleansing Kosovo of its 2 million Albanian inhabitants.

The Serb police were herding Albanians from the capital. Pristina, on to the trains "like sardines", the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said.

A spokeswoman, Judith Kumin, said three trains with 5,000 aboard had arrived at the border yesterday and two more were reportedly on their way. The first three arrived the day

dragged out of their houses in Pristina and herded into a crowded quarter of the city on no one left in Pristina now." a hillside. "When the trains pulled in, people were pushed down the hill and crammed on to the train. Two old people died in the crush," Ms Kumin said.

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Many of the refugees, especially the elderly, collapsed when they got off the trains after being forced to walk almost two miles between the final railway station in Kosovo and the Macedonian frontier

spokesman, said the scenes of columns of people staggering along the railway line remindthe end of World War Two, with refugees streaming in all di-

rections - men women and

children and the elderly, clutching a few precious possessions. "Everyone interviewed told similar stories of masked men in uniforms knocking on doors and telling people to leave or be

killed." Mr. Janowski said.

Survivors who reached Macedonia told horrifying accounts of the emptying of Pristina of its mostly Albanian population of more than 250,000. "I counted about 15 dead in my street," said one The refugees told of being woman. "Near the mosque I saw the body of a 17-year-old boy; I know his father. There is

> Nearly all the refugees are women and children. They say their menfolk are either hiding out in the hills of Kosovo, or have been captured and killed by the Serbs.

We saw them take about 50 or 60 men," said Sanije Morina. We saw nothing but heard guns firing. We don't know what happened.

The refugee accounts dove-

Kris Janowski, a UNHCR containing hundreds of bodies near the central town of Orahovac.

The number of Albanians ed him "of the darkest days at pouring out of Kosovo is so great that the worry now is that there will soon be none left in Kosovo for Nato to help.

Partly in answer to such fears, Nato yesterday said it would shell Serbian artillery positions near Malisevo, central Kosovo. The Serbs are pounding one of the last Albanian centres of resistance there.

The alliance believes about 50,000 Kosovars - many of them refugees from other parts of Kosovo - are trapped in a triangle of territory, defended by poorly armed fighters from the Kosovo Liberation Army. With no sign that Nato's air

campaign has checked the Serb offensive. Serbia celebrated a second propaganda coup yesterday, parading the Kosovo Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova on Serbian television. The public display of an ex-

ultant Slobodan Milosevic and a dazed Kosovo leader, on the same day as TV showed three captured US soldiers, crowned a day of triumph for the Serbs on their ninth day at war with the Western alliance.

Earlier reports had sugtail with reports of mass graves gested Mr Rugova was dead,



Slobodan Milosevic (right), President of Yugoslavia, with the ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova in Belgrade yesterday

murdered in a systematic purge of intellectuals, politicians and writers. But on Serbian television Mr Rugova was quoted as saying that he was under the protection of the Serbian police". He made no known mention of the awful fate

of his countrymen. A bland Serbian television announcement said Mr Rugova and President Milosevic had discussed the problems in Kosovo. They came to a joint stand on a mutual commit-

ment to a political process." Although the Kosovo leader could be seen smiling glassily. Western officials who watched the soundless clip said Mr Rugova was obviously there under under duress. "It was an eerie

in Macedonia. In Washington, the Defense Secretary, William Cohen, said the US would "stay the course" in the conflict with Serbia, in spite of a series of setbacks. "We are making progress in our

sight," said one diplomat based

goal to damage and diminish." the forces of President Milosevic, he said.

Mr Cohen was in Norfolk naval station, Virginia, where President Bill Clinton last night made a speech to the families of those involved in the Yugoslav campaign. On Wednesday President Clinton was quoted as telling a delegation of Albanians living in the US: "We cannot lose this. We have to win this." The White House has warned that Nato air

strikes on Yugoslavia may go on send in ground troops at this

Nato yesterday reiterated that it had no intention of engaging in a land war with Serbia, saying this would require 200,000 troop. "No one is seriously proposing the planning of an invasion force," an alliance diplomat said. "There's still confidence that Milosevic will crack under continued pounding from the air." The Nato secretary-general, Javier Solana, said: "The only plan to

moment is to guarantee a peace agreement. The allies are not contemplating the deployment of ground troops to fight their way in."

As the scale of the humanitarian catastrophe worsens, the UNHCR said it may set up an air bridge to Albania, along the same lines as the Saraievo airlift of 1992-95. A British jet is already in Albania, which will shuttle between Tirana and

Montenegro mobilises as it fears Serbian take-over

taken up positions at the end of eral government. Serbia's into their small republic. In Federal Republic of Yugoslavia the capital, Podgorica, they have surrounded public buildings and the television station. it fears President Milosovic is The units are from the special police, a force that in most strikes to re-assert his failing

They stand at intervals of a few metres around the presidential building, heavily armed, wearing fatigues, helmets and body armour. Montenegro's government is sending a clear message to President Slobodan Milosovic - "if provoked we

MONTENEGRIN FORCES have takeover by soldiers of the fed- He said the Yugoslav President has been moving towards breakaway for many years and about to use the cover of Nato other countries would be con- power here. They are not being paranoid. It's reliably reported that senior figures in the Yugoslav army units based in Montenegro have been replaced by hard-liners more loval to President Milosovic.

The allies are taking the threat seriously. The British Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, yesterday warned President There are rumours through- Milosovic against opening up a out this city of an imminent new front against Montenegro.

"should not now try to create the deep gorge that is the route smaller, weaker partner in the trouble in Montenegro. He is in enough trouble himself. He has neither the time not the resources to fight there."

Montenegro's Deputy Prime Minster, Dragisa Burzan, told me yesterday that there is an ernment. It made a show of [Yugoslavia's] air defence sysimminent danger of a military putting armed units in place tem had to be attacked, we had confrontation between Montenegro and Serbia. "That is in the hands of the federal authorities," he said. "If they are looking for any kind of confrontation that is there decision not ours. We are not those who will stir up anything. We will try to do everything to stop major disruption here." But even before the Nato strikes, Mr

Milosovic had made moves on

MONTENEGRO BY PAUL WELCH in Podgorica

take editorial control of the in a televised briefing in Lontelevision station, but was re- don. He said: "A number of inbuffed by Montenegro's gov- stallations around the building. That time no choice. We've taken every

It's widely accepted here that Mr Milosovic's hand has been strengthened, not weak-Montenegro was first hit by Nato bombs, Western diplomats privately expressed surprise. They worried about the destabilising effect the action

Montenegro. He attempted to all but apologised for the action integral to strain those attacks."

On the streets of Podgorica there are daily, angry demonened, by Nato action. When strations by those who support President Milosovic. They vilify Nato and its political leaders. As each night of bombing passes there is a subtle but definite shift back towards the would have. Yesterday Mr Cook President. In the city's park

under a statue of one of Montenegro's historic figures a woman told me: "What NATO are doing makes you feel like you really don't want to sign the Kosovo peace agreement. I'm generally against Milosovic's policy, at least I was before all this happened. Now I don't know. It's not good."

Intellectuals in Montenegro believe damage has been done and is irreparable. Srdan Darmanovic, of the Centre for Democracy and Human Rights, called the Nato action here a political catastrophe. "War is alpro-democracy forces, and in

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Montenegro are in danger from this war. War is a paradise for all political forces who want to go back and it is a paradise for Milosovic and his supporters." The fallout from fighting

across the border in Kosovo is also destabilising Montenegro. Since Saturday over 32,000 here, fleeing their homeland in

They have joined 25,000 thousand people from the Croaways very dangerous for teen per cent of the population

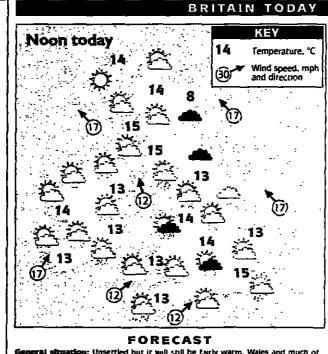
tenegro, economically crippled by sanctions as part of Yugoslavia, cannot support the desperate for much longer.

On Tuesday night in Podgorica, a church which is a temporary home to some Kosovo Albanians was hit by gunfire. It's presumed that the gun-Kosovo Albanians have arrived men were part of the nine per cent of Montenegro which is

Deputy Prime Minister Kosovars who took refuge here Burzan says Serbs in this reearlier in the conflict and 21 public, and their sympathisers, are angered by the tian and Bosnian wars. Four- presence of the Kosovo Albanians and by the burden they is now made up of people dis- impose. He fears a backlash, Montenegro pro-democratic placed from their homes in He looks pensive, considers the forces are in power," he said. other republics and countries. crisis and tells me: "This situ-"All pro-democracy powers in The government says Mon- ation is potentially explosive."

° Kosovo Crisis Tens of thousands of people are fleeing Kosovo to take refuge in neighbouring countries. Many had just a few minutes to leave, taking nothing but the clothes on their backs. Running programmes in Kosovo before the escalation of the crisis, Action Against Hunger has reacted immediately, participating in emergency relief operations in Albania. Experts and equipment are on the way to build crucial water and sanitation facilities At the same time, other international teams on the ground are preparing for further relief operations in Macedonia, Montenegro and Kosovo. Your help is urgently needed. You can make a credit card denation 0171 242 5665 2250 2100 250

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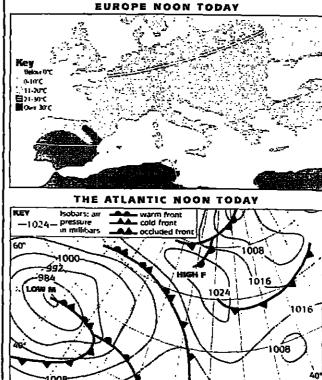
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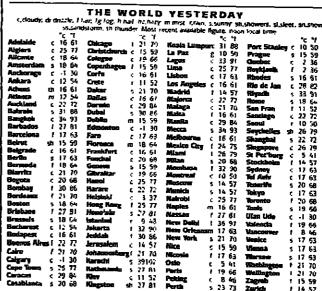
OR SHINE... INE VILLAGERS, including a our-vear-old child, died when landslide hit their homes in outhern Taiikistan, officials aid yesterday. The landslide the village of Sarband. miles south of the capital,

> The area is prone to earthquakes, and a slight tremor was registered there two days ago. Spring has also brought rains to the region, further

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WAR IN THE BALKANS



Serb juggernaut lays waste a nation

IN A great fan-shaped advance the Serbian juggernaut was still rolling south on a broad front last night, laying waste to scores of towns, villages and hamlets in a ferocious and naked attempt to wine an entire society and its people from the map. In a few days the ancient province of Kosovo will cease to exist and more than a million ethnic Albanians will be scattered, perhaps for ever.

From the rim of the mountain chain forming the border with Macedonia it is possible to see distant evidence of the catastrophe. The sky bears red traces at night of forces on the

But the real evidence is the great suffering tide of humanity being driven forward remorselessly by the juggernaut. more deadly, something that It is made up mostly of women, children and old people stripped of their money, valuables and papers. The numbers are becoming meaningless. In one pocket north of the border there are said to be 50,000; to the west there are perhaps



JAMES DALRYMPLE IN SKOPJE

The force that is driving them, which may be more than 100,000 strong is spearheaded by tanks and artillery of the Serbian regular army but it now seems clear they are only the advance guard of something far has not been seen in Europe for more than 50 years.

Descriptions of the Serb tactics are almost identical in each assault. It would be impossible to list the dozens of villages and hamlets that have been razed and their populations decanted into the fields and hills. But in

cleansing" is clear. We know the large town of Mitrovica in the north-west is deserted, a ghost town. The heart of the city of Pec has been burning for days and its entire ethnic Albanian population gone. Prizren, in the south-east, is almost a total ruin, its shops and homes looted and its entire male population missing. In Pristina, the capital, the Serbs have been more selective. Only the large Albanian neighbourhoods have been shelled, torched and turned to ruins.

From every one of these places the flow of refugees has been huge. So has the level of theft. Apart from their cash, valuables, passports and papers, there are an estimated 6,000 vehicles parked for miles north of the Macedonian border and now the property of the looting army.

The Serbs are using the rail and dumped - in the centre of armoured four wheel-drive ve-

the largest urban centres the newly sown minefields - miles hicles containing special-force sevic's bodyguard unit. There evidence of massive "ethnic from the border. An estimated 7,000 walked in a column stretching five miles yesterday. But the real mystery is the missing young men, intellectuals, teachers, doctors, lawyers, journalists and political leaders of every party. The guerrilla fighters of the KLA, who are getting reports out to Nato, say they have identified a mass grave with hundreds of bodies near Orahovac. In a river the bodies of 80 males have been seen.

> This monstrous and efficient military machine, trained and controlled from Belgrade, must have been built up over months - even while President Milosevic's delegates were discussing peace in France. Its speed of movement, coordination and tactics are the work of preparation that speaks of long-held objectives and long-term political planning.

In each attack the technique system to make the flow faster, is the same: frontal assault by with trainloads of Albanians, heavy armoured units shelling loaded to the roof in Pristina from a distance, followed by fast

units, followed by sinister and highly trained special-duties groups.

They have a bewildering number of acronyms. But their purpose is the same: to terrorise the population into paralysis, to weed out those whose names are on their lists, and to rob, rape and abuse the others into flight. The main specialist force is the MUP, a gendarmerie some 10,000 men. It controls the PJP which has been responsible for more known atrocities than any other experts in torture and killing. group. They call themselves police, but they are in effect mobile light infantry with mortars. machine-guns and armoured troop carriers. Commanded by a major-general, they are split into battalion-strength units.

In Pristina alone, the KLA says, there are 5,000 in the 24th Special Police Detachment, split into six groups. As back-up they have some 8,000 reservists.

Then, most dangerous of all, are the élite groups, such as the JSO, that form President Miloare only about 500 of them but they have been present - in small groups of 15 to 25 - at every atrocity. They have stylish black uniforms topped by red berets and their faces are

always masked. The RDV, a

kind of modern Gestapo, work in plainclothes. They are responsible for the so-called "black" and "wet" operations - involving the seeking out of named individuals. They are the quiet men with the lists, but they are known to be

And, inevitably - following the main action like vultures over an abattoir and specialising in looting, burning and the rape of young women - there are the thugs and criminals of the two main war-criminal gangs. controlled by Zeljko Raznjatovic, the man known as

Arkan, and his rival, Franki

Arkan's men became noto-

The brutalities of these men have been seen in every war zone that has racked the former republic of Yugoslavia.

Sonatavic.

rious in Bosnia for gouging out the eyes of an old woman, and both men have been heavily involved in every criminal activity - from immigrant smuggling to drug-dealing - yet both enjoy the patronage of the top Serbian government officials.

Arkan, who has been seen recently in the Belgrade, denies his men are there.

But one witness, a journalist for German state radio called Valanita Saratini, watched as a group of men wearing the uniforms of the infamous Arkan Tigers took a young journalist from his office in Pristina and shot him in an

They took away five other journalists from the city's main daily newspaper and they have not been seen again. Ms Saratini. who escaped after six days in hiding with her husband, a university lecturer, and their two children, gave a first-hand account of the "ethnic cleansing" techniques.

"First the tanks seal off areas of the city," she said. "I fants and the pleas of mothers saw 30 tanks in one street.

Then they just batter down the doors of homes, smash the windows of shops - taking anything, from liquor to jewellery. that takes their fancy - and drive the people out. But always there are the plainclothes men with their clipboards and they ask for the names. When one they have on their list is found they take him away. Then there is shooting. Then they go on to

the next place."

Yesterday at the Macedonian border there was a new problem for the thousands arriving in the deep ravine they have to pass through. The Macedonian authorities, now alarmed to the point of national tension, have stopped processing them for hours at a stretch - leaving them without food or water. without toilet facilities or heating - while Serb police units push them forward from miles up the road.

From the hills overlooking the scene it looked like a rockconcert crowd. But there was no singing, just the crying of inbegging for food.

Belgrade displays its own casualties of the battle

ON THE second floor of the Serbian Clinical Centre in Belgrade are victims of the Balkan war who will never be mentioned in any Nato briefing. There's a 14year-old boy with his head crushed, lying in a coma, eyes half-closed, a fat oxygen tube down his throat. There's a middle-aged farmer hit in the head by shrappel and expected to die within a few hours. A littie further down the emergency ward is another boy - 13 this time - with his head swathed in bandages, moving in agony, his brain damaged and his right leg fractured by a falling building. They are Nato's victims.

Our victims, I suppose Standing at their bedsides, the phrase "collateral damage" seems somehow obscene. Ivan Tanasijevic, the 14-year-old from the Drina river valley. was wounded in a Nato air raid on Loznica, and his father came to see him on Wednesday. "He asked if he could see his son," Dr Dragana Vujadinovic says. "I said, yes, but that Ivan was in a coma. The father sat by his bed here and cried. He is a farmer. Yes, I told him his son is very bad but that we wouldn't know what will happen for another few days. Yes, the

boy is likely to die." Of course, walking the emergency ward of this modern hospital, one thinks of other human suffering far away to the south, of the exhausted masses scrambling over the borders of Albania and Macedonia and Montenegro, of executions and of "ethnic cleansing". But the nine of them, all originally Serb his apartment block Look at his terior Police Ministry and the from Croatia in 1996 with refugees from Croatia, were X-rays." He holds out a sheet of torn to pieces in a Nato raid on negatives that shows just a building," he says. "We saw on experiences in Croatia three Nis last week, they had been big dark mass. "His head is like the CNN website that these will living in an abandoned army a water-melon."

THE WOUNDED By ROBERT FISK in Belgrade



A civilian wounded in Nato raids on Belgrade Reuters

doctors call "contralateral" damage to his brain, which started internal bleeding. He was brought to the medical Will he live, I ask Dr Mihaelo Mitrovic? He looks at me as if I am foolish to ask and raises his eyebrows. The man breathes noisily through his tubes, huffing and puffing as if aware of his fate. He will probably never awake.

Dr Mitrovic, who refuses to talk politics, insists on pointing war-wounded and those who victims of Nato's bombs - are victims of the war. Milan Lemascious in a bed at the end of the bombs," the doctor said. "He victims of our bombs die too - jumped from the fourth floor of cause we are so close to the in-

For reasons that have as Dobrica Vukujicic is likely to much to do with xenophobia as have a major hospital here with a fractured head and authorities have jealously

to the Military Hospital in Belgrade and most casualties among the non-military population can still be cared for in civilian hospitals. Dr Vujadinovic receives most of her patients from regional medical centres; the hospital to which Mr Vukojicic was originally taken in Kraljevo was itself damaged by the explosion of a cruise missile in a neighbouring military installation.

And this - the proximity of

the Serbian Clinical Centre out those patients who are not with its 3,000 beds and 1,200 doctors and 3,000 nurses, to pothough they may not be direct tential Nato targets - is what worries Professor Dragan Mitic, the hospital's vicefic, for example, lies uncon-president. He outlines the nonsectarian nature of his medical ward, his head as bloated as a facilities, the hospital's treatfootball, his face a mass of ment of thousands of Albanian bruises. "We think he tried to patients - but then comes to the commit suicide after the first point. "We are all feeling great tension and anxiety here be-General Military headquarters be Nato targets.

"But what can we do? We we have nowhere to take our

The doctors' message is simple. If Nato decides to attack the Belgrade headquarters of its principal enemies in Kosovo, then the Serbian Medical Centre is going to be hit.

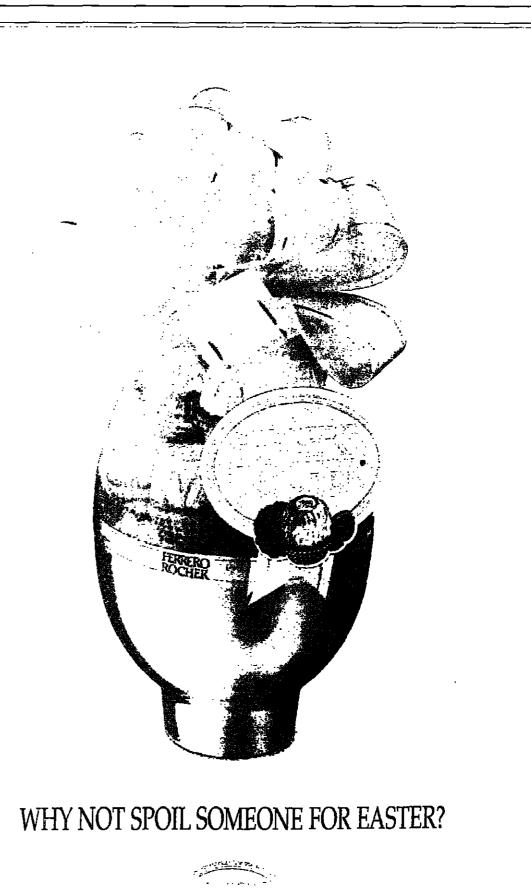
In one bed lies Dejan Lukic. 13, another victim from Loznica though this time with a birthplace of special horror. He was originally a Serb resident of the east Bosnian town of Srebrenica and was driven from his home by Muslim forces in 1992. It was those same Muslims who held Srebrenica as it filled up with Muslim refugees during the Bosnian war and it was their menfolk who were the victims of the 1995 atrocity when thousands were executed by Serb militiamen. By then. Dejan Lukic was 25 miles away in

when Nato began raiding the eastern bank of the Drina. Doctors believe he was running for his life after a missile explosion when he was hit by concrete from a collapsing building. He never regained consciousness. But his eyes moved yesterday -a good sign, according to the doctors. He may live.

At least 22 war-wounded have been transferred to this Belgrade hospital alone since the start of the Nato bombardment, but others - physically untouched by shrapnel - have not survived their reaction to the bombing. Boris Grubicic was 18 and fell into depression when he heard that Nato and Serbia had gone to war. He had been "ethnically cleansed" 170,000 other Serbs. Perhaps his years ago had unbalanced his

"He was brought in here neck," Dr Virjadinovic said. "He McDonald's restaurant in the centre of Belgrade. That's five himself off the top. He died here

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Delays cause misery on the border

THE EXODUS

By EMMA DALY in Morini, Albania

EMMA BONINO, the European Commissioner for Overseas Aid, spent 20 minutes at this border crossing yesterday. where thousands of exhausted people languished in their cars, on tractors and on horsedrawn carts.

They were waiting patiently to be processed by the Albanian authorities, who had suddenly decided to add to the misery by taking the name of every refugee crossing, instead of waving them through as they had been doing since the exodus began on Saturday.

After her lightning visit by helicopter, instead of the arduous seven-hour road trip, Ms Bonino and her entourage departed for further meetings with UN officials about the

The pitiful exodus continues from Kosovo, with no mercy shown to the old, the sick, nor the poor, as they pour out of the embattled province under the vicious Serb promise - Albania

split into two lanes, with cars on the right, pedestrians on the left. With at least 100,000 people

said to be jamming the road, there was no let-up in sight. Enver Doda left Pristina, 120km away, at 10am on Wednesday and arrived in Al-

bania 29 hours later. The police organised the trip straight to Albania - they didn't let us go anywhere else. I did not want to leave Kosovo but I had to because of the po-

lice," he said. They came banging on the doors and shouting, and saying if we don't leave now a bullet is waiting for us - either Albania

Thousands of refugees who had walked for hours were slumped in a grassy field just beside the border.

They were mostly women and children, bundled up in brightly coloured jackets and carrying pathetic items of luggage - clothes wrapped in blankets, or bulging plastic bags,

The border crossing is now or the odd suitcase carried on the shoulder.

They were waiting for some kind of transport out - but it was in short supply.

Where were the buses and mini-vans that in previous days, had shipped refugees out at the government's expense? "Ask the UNHCR [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees]," said one Western official, grimly.

The few foreign aid workers who are already in place at the border crossing have expressed anger and distress at the delay in setting up proper facilities for the refugees. It seems to have taken an inordinately long time for the international aid agencies to grasp the scale of the crisis, despite the fact that it was obvious to many observers that Albania – and the main road crossing at Morini – would be

vars expelled by the Serbs. Aid workers from smaller aid agencies handed out small jars

a prime destination for Koso-



The European commissioner Emma Bonino (left), walks past a group of ethnic Albanian refugees from Kosovo at Morini yesterday

of baby food - peach purée - to bemused refugees walking over the discarded wrappings of emergency rations that are

As a result of the delays in passing the border, at least one refugee died of exposure. The body of Rexhep Nimani, 72. lay cradled in his widow's arms, in the back of a tractor-trailer loaded with 35 children.

"He died today, at about

Mauriqi. "He was not sick but it was very cold. We stayed out-

side all night in the rain. "We left Pristina at 1pm yesterday. All the way, he kept saying that he wanted to go

Nehad Cetaku, an electronics graduate forced under the Serbian system to work as a mechanic, was desperate to get his pregnant wife, Rabija.

8am," said a friend, Skender into hospital, as she is due to many of those expelled from the give birth within 48 hours.

We left Pristina because we had to leave Pristina. They gave us about five minutes to leave our houses, saying if we do not do this, we take a bullet."

he said wryly. Valbona Baigora, whose family had not eaten for three days ened to leave home until forced out by masked gunmen, said

capital were told to gather at the train station.

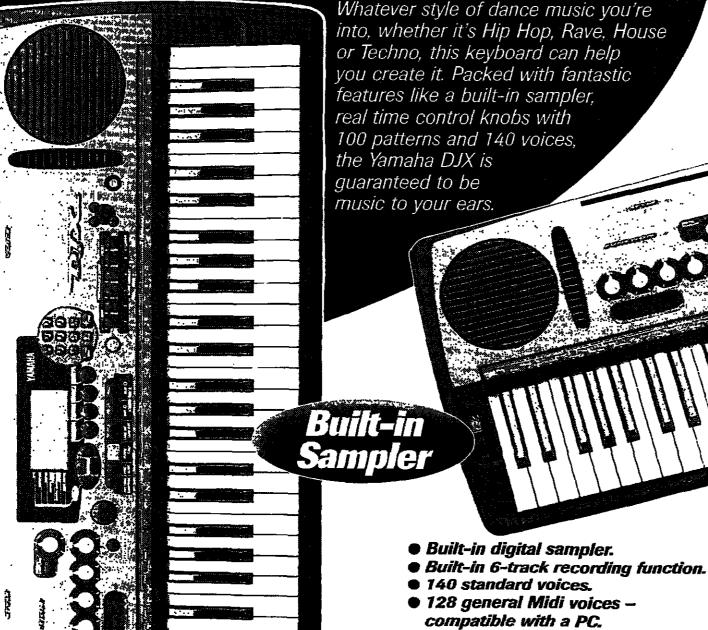
"The whole of Pristina was there," she said bitterly. From there, they were taken by bus to the village of Zur, and made to walk to the border. "One of my Serb neighbours arrived the moment I went down the stairs, because they were too fright- and followed me out carrying my television and my video,"

But others, rather than taking advantage of the anarchy. tried to help.

"I saw some Serb neighbours who were crying, looking at us leaving. One Serb who lives near the mosque came out, begging the soldiers not to kick us out," Mr Mauriqi said. "But they were shooting in the air. Just like in Hitler's time. I never thought I would live long

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Double-speak and jaw-jaw from the 'Ministry of Truth'

THE LANGUAGE OF WAR

BY THOMAS SUTCLIFFE

war-war" in 1954. It has been a chiming opposition has any real force any longer.

Jaw-iaw is war-war, these days, when statements from the combatants instantly enter a global arena to compete for the vital ground of public sympathies. This can take surreal forms - a conversation continuing when the possibilities of mutual understanding have ong disappeared. On BBC2's Newsnight programme the other night. Jeremy Paxman could be seen going hand-tohand with a Serb spokesman from the Ministry of Truth, but their exchange of loaded words was only a local detail in a much larger verbal fire-fight, one contested over international satellite transmissions

The unusual conditions that prevail in this new terrain were underlined by one of the earliest statements made - the unequivocal statement that there was no intention to commit ground troops to fight for the cause, only to reinforce a victory. How often can a war of such trumpeted resolve have commenced with such a candid confession of the limits of resolution? The declaration broke the most elementary rule of tactics – that you should tell your enemy nothing that will assist

WINSTON CHURCHILL made him. It suggested to President Secretary of State for Defence, his famous remark about it Slobodan Milosevic that he had being better to "jaw-jaw than to little to lose by initial defiance.

President Milosevic's failfavourite of conciliators ever ure to capitulate as the first since, but it is possible to won- bombs fell forced the war of der now whether Churchill's words to move from the initial bombing that public support stand-off raids to its second. more dangerous, phase. Last week, addressing the House of Commons, the Prime Minister used words such as "repression" and "suppression", far more abstract in their force than terms such as "murder" or "slaughter", which have ap-

peared more recently. True. Mr Blair stripped Mr Milosevic of his honorific - thus giving the Serbian President, in terms of British journalistic practice, the same naked form of address as a convicted criminal. He used the words "ethnic cleansing" and "barbarism", too, but we still had not quite arrived at the fierce excoriations of last weekend. He ended with his sole formal courtesy: asking the House to join him in "urging President Milosevic to choose

the path of peace". On Thursday, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, was also talking of "President Milosevic", and he, too, edged towards the graver indictments: President Milosevic, he said, "was the prime player in the war in Bosnia which gave our language the hideous term, 'ethnic cleansing'", a judicious insinuation which fell some way short of outright accusation. Over the weekend George Robertson, the put that right, with the first use of the word "genocide".

For some, this new tone is a kind of overkill - marking a thrill of panic in the advocates of might be waning that there may be a slow leak in Nato's moral superiority which will need constant pumping to counter. For others, it simply marks the fact that a war of words is subject to the same rules of escalation as any other kind.

The Prussian general Clausewitz wrote once that "moderation in war is a logical absurdity". But this may be better understood by Serbia's verbal warriors than it is by ours - you will still find a finer example of total verbal war in Belgrade than Whitehall. A few days ago Serbian television carried this commentary: "Things have obviously not been going at all as they imagined they would for the criminals and aggressors against our country. That is why they have been trying from the very first day to justify in front of their public the crime and genocide.

"The problem is that [President Bill) Clinton wants to guarantee the rights not of all, but only of the Albanians. That is the problem, you stupid murderer, you Adolf Goebbels Clinton, you emharrassment and blemish on the United States and the world."

We have not yet reached that level of firepower but it may

How to help the refugees

THE INDEPENDENT is appealing to readers to help refugee victims of the war in Kosovo which has triggered the biggest humanitarian disaster in Europe since the Second World War. More than 150,000 Albani-

ans have fled Kosovo in the past week. Impoverished neighbouring countries are already overwhelmed by the human tide of misery as long columns of cold, distraught people with virtually no possessions and no means of support try to cross borders to safety.
The British aid organisa-

tions at the forefront of the international relief operation say they need a massive injection of funds to alleviate the plight of the refugees.

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Committee, which represents 15 charities including Oxfam. the Red Cross and Save the Children

Since the exodus from cities, towns and villages in Kosovo began last week. civilians have been flooding into Albania, Macedonia and the Yugoslav province of Montenegro. At least 100,000 refugees have crossed into

Albania alone. The money raised by the Independent will be used to buy food, shelter, warm clothes and sanitation for the displaced people. Tents, blankets and medical supplies are also being sent to the region. The weather is still wintry in the Balkans, and most of the refugees have only the clothes on their backs.

A telephone line has been set up by the Disasters **Emergency Committee to** take credit card pledges to the appeal, and donations by cheque will be handled free by banks.

The appeal will be backed by a campaign of television and radio broadcasts as well as a series of newspaper advertisements.

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Nato top brass put on the defensive

WAR IN THE BALKANS =

AFTER MORE than a week of bombing and amid fears that control of the conflict is slipping out of the allies' hands, Nato commanders yesterday gave their fullest account yet of the air campaign against Yugoslavia.

In Brussels a move to bolster confidence came with the appearance of Javier Solana, Nato ecretary-general, and Gener-Wesley Clark, Nato's Supreme Commander Europe at the daily press briefing. The world's media have routinely been addressed only by two spokesmen.

Starting with a forthright attack on the Serb leadership, which ranged from acrusations of brutality to the idea that they were "in denial", General Clark went on to give a day-byday account of the bombing.

His moral tone rose particularly high on the subject of Yugoslav army terror tactics against the Kosovo population "It's being perpetrated largely against defenceless civilians by the last vestige of a hardcore Communist dictatorship in Europe," he said. "Man does not do this to his fellow man. We are all of us in uniform outraged at the sight of this. This is not something uniformed military soldiers do to civilians."

Emphasising the constant Nato line that its forces are not fighting the Serbian people, but the "brutal leaders and instruments of power", he maintained that the attacks had done much to damage these means of oppression.

But seeking to explain the fact that the Serbian leadership did not seem to see it that way, . he lapsed into something apNINE DAYS OF CONFLICT



leadership of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia seems to have remained short-sighted and defiant. Perhaps they are in denial," said General Clark. "Their calculus is diverging increasingly from the material facts at hand and a rational asits own people". sessment of the course of future events. Ultimately they will

have to face reality." He sought to explain that reality with a number of maps

some 70 targets in Yugoslavia that aimed "progressively and systematically (to) attack, degrade, disrupt and further diminish the capacity of the Serbian war machine to perpetrate these atrocities against

Day One (Wednesday): Heavy strikes against Belgrade, attacking air defence

Also air defence sites in showing the attacks against Montenegro and Pristina and

command and control of these defences. A few attacks on the headquarters of the interior ministry police (MUP).

Day Two: Air defence, command and control. Increasing attacks within Kosovo.

Day Three: More attacks against headquarters in Kosovo. Renewed attacks against air defence around Belgrade. Day Four: Strikes continue in the same pattern.

Day Five: Emphasis switch-

Yugoslav soldiers give the Serb three-finger sign in Novi Sad, northern Serbia, where the bridge over the Danube was destroyed yesterday as escalating Nato raids over Yugoslavia entered their ninth day.

command and control and support facilities, with increasing attacks in Kosovo.

Day Six: Back to attacks of air defences around Belgrade. Continuing attacks against ground forces.

Day Seven: More attacks against forces in Kosovo and against the reinforcing units and their headquarters north of the province.

Day Eight: Yet more attacks our airmen and their com-

es south from air defence to against ground targets, com- manders have shown in this mand and control, air defence and support facilities.

General Clark said the weather had not been as good as expected, but he was proud of the way his forces had adapted to the changing conditions. "In the history of modern air campaigns there has never been any group of leaders who have shown any more responsiveness and adaptability than campaign," he said. In London Air Marshal Sir

John Day, director of operations for UK forces, also gave the fullest assessment yet of the British contribution. Again, his remarks were dominated by the weather and he spoke of the frustrations of RAF Harrier pilots who, after hours of planning and preparation, have been unable to reach their targets.

ever, he said he was "satisfied with our progress to date".

Many hopes were being pinned on the arrival in Britain yesterday of five US B-1B Lancer bombers, which can drop armour-piercing fragmentation bombs against tanks, whatever the weather. They use a system based on satellite positioning rather than lasers, so the pilot does not need to see the target before

Russian veterans volunteer to join the fight for Milosevic

Russia and former Soviet republics have arrived in Belgrade and are lobbying to help the Yugoslav military combat Nato forces, the Moscow News reported yesterday.

The men claim to have an agreement to receive weapons, including surface-to-air missiles and rocket-propelled.

VOLUNTEER FIGHTERS from member – the newspaper said. The volunteers, some of

whom are veterans of the Chechen war, included fighter pilots, artillery men, aircraft gunners and commandos, according to an article by Alexander Zhilin, a respected correspondent who specialises in military affairs.

Mr Zhilin said he met volgrenades, from underground unteers from Russia, Belarus

marching orders".

were mercenaries. One, whom battalions ... could be formed".

SERBIA'S ALLIES BY PHIL REEVES in Moscow

trip to Belgrade. They said 118 army intelligence officer called that the volunteers had been volunteers arrived from the Andrei Solopchuk, told him that welcomed by the Serbian popformer Soviet Union last week. if the air strikes continue "so ulation but - significantly - had and were stationed at the city's many volunteers will come not succeeded in their efforts to central stadium, waiting for here from Russia, Ukraine, meet the Yugoslav military. Kazakhstan, Belarus, Moldova He found no evidence they and the Dneister region that

Right-wing groups in Russia have been signing up volunteers to go to Yugoslavia since

week ago, but yesterday's report was the first suggestion to reach Moscow that volunteers have actually arrived there.

The Russian military is still seething over its defeat in Chechnya, and the loss of the Soviet Union, and is capable of discreetly dispatching arms to the region without official

President Boris Yeltsin.

best armed former Soviet re-convene an emergency meeting public has stated that Russia conflict, or breaking the United Nations' embargo against sending arms to Yugoslavia.

gion, he appeared on national

on the Yugoslav crisis. "Every has no intention of joining the lost day brings new casualties and tragedies. We must act immediately," he said. But a political solution re-

Yesterday, less than 24 hours mains a long way off and, while after Russia announced plans the conflict continues, there is to dispatch a warship to the re- a risk to Russia that its men and weapons will be drawn into television with a new initia- the conflict without the govtive, calling on the Group of ernment knowing anything



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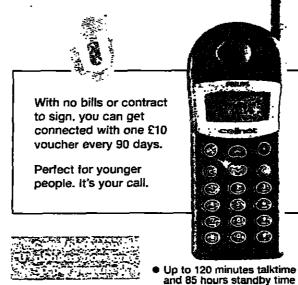
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Declaration will force IRA's hand

THE DECLARATION repre- By DAVID MCKITTRICK · sents an apparently simple yet highly subtle attempt to square the circle between the republican and Unionist stances on arms decommissioning. It weapons quagmire that has

slowed progress for so long. Yet its carefully clipped phrases also contain a lot of

Ireland Correspondent

pain, in particular for the republican movement, which is in effect being required to agree clearly offers a way out of the to seeing "some arms put beyond use'

The basic idea is to lay out a set of carefully choreographed steps designed to

for guns up front with the republican refusal to be bullied by David Trimble into acceding to preconditions set by him. The document thus aims at both bringing about arms decommissioning and securing Sinn Fein's entry into the new

executive. Step one is for the parties to

the executive, in which Sinn Fein's electoral support entitles them to two of the 10 seats. Next is the "collective act of reconciliation", which plainly means decommissioning, although that word is carefully avoided.

For the benefit of republicans, who insist they will do

achieve the Unionist demand nominate their members for nothing that smacks of surrender, a new tone would be set through the holding of ceremonies of remembrance. An act of decommissioning could therefore take on the character not of a gesture of surrender or implicit apology, but rather one of memorial for the dead, including dead IRA

devolve significant powers to the new political set-up, with the establishment of a web of new institutions linking all parts of these islands. The Government would also undertake a significant rundown in security, such as closing

some army bases. Once the Canadian Gener-

Decommissioning verifies that some arms had been put beyond use, the way will be open for the final political piece of the jigsaw: the assembly confirming the nominations of the new executive, including the two Sinn Fein members.

The document has not been

At this point Britain would al John de Chastelain and his formally endorsed by the major International Commission on parties, and in particular has yet to be accepted by Sinn Fein. Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern will be back in Belfast on 13 April for more negotiations. which they describe as a final round of meetings. Those can be expected to be just as



Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein leader, listening as Tony Blair and the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, make their proposals yesterday

(The Link)

This is our true opportunity for a new beginning'

of the declaration delivered by the two prime ministers at Hillsborough Castle yesterday:

"It is now one year since the Good Friday Agreement was emphatically endorsed by the people. North and South, and as never end... such it now represents their democratic will. The Agreement, in its own words, offers a truly historic opportunity for a new beginning. It gives us a chance. in this generation. to transcend the bitter legacy of the past and to transform relationships within Northern Ireland, between North and South, and between these islands.

"All parties firmly believe that the violence we have all lived through must be put behind us. Never again should we or our children have to suffer the consequences of conflict. It must be brought to a permanent end.

"In partnership together we want to ensure a future free from conflict. The realisation of that future places a heavy obligation on us all, individually and collectively... It is encouraging and important that, even though much remains to be done, very substantial progress has already been made in turnforget or underplay how far we have come...The Northern Ire-Dublin on 8 March provides for the establishment of the North-South ministerial council and implementation bodies, the British-Irish Council and the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference.

The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission has been established and its members appointed, and the new Equality Commission has been legislated for Comparable

are well under way. "The needs of victims of

violence, and their families, including those of the disappeared, are being addressed in both jurisdictions, though we concluded. Last May it was acknowledge that for many their pain and suffering will

"Steps have been taken towards normalisation of security arrangements and practices, while the Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland and are both well advanced in their vital work. Numerous prisoners, in both jurisdictions, have benefited from mechanisms providing for their accelerated release.

there is agreement among all parties that decommissioning is not a precondition but is an obligation deriving from their commitment in the Agreement, and that it should take place within the time-scale envisaged in the Agreement, and through the efforts of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning

"Sinn Fein have acknowledged these obligations but are unable to indicate the time scale on which decommissioning the promise of the Agree- ing will begin. They do not rement into a reality. We must not gard the Agreement as imposing any requirement to make a start before the establand Assembly was elected last lishment of the new institu-June and has since been tions. The Ulster Unionist Party preparing for devolution. The do not wish to move to the esinternational agreement signed tablishment of the new institusome evideni progress with decommission-

> difference of view about timing and the sequence of events prevented the implementation of the Agreement from advancing. We believe that decommissioning will only happen against a background where implementation is actively moving forward. Contin-

The following is the edited text steps by the Irish Government ued progress in establishing the new institutions will in itself create confidence. On the other hand, it is understandable that those who take the next steps in implementation should seek to be assured that these steps are not irrevocable if, in the event, no progress is made with decommissioning.

"We therefore propose the following way forward. On (date to be set) nominations will be made under the d'Hondt procedure of those to take up office the review of criminal justice as ministers when powers are devolved.

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"At a date to be proposed by the HCD but not later than (one month after nomination date) a collective act of reconciliation will take place. This will see "Against this background some arms put beyond use on a voluntary basis, in a manner which will be verified by the IICD and further moves on normalisation and demilitarisation in recognition of the changed situation on security.

"In addition to the arrangements in respect of military material, there will at all times be ceremonies of remembrance of all victims of violence, to which representatives of all parties and the two governments, and all churches, will be invited.

"Around the time of the act of reconciliation, powers will be devolved and the British-Irish Agreement will enter into force.

"The following institutions will then be established: the North-South Ministerial Council, the North-South Implementation Bodies, the British-Irish Council and the Ruggo-iusu iutei tal Conference.

"By (one month after nomi-"It would be a tragedy if this nation date, the IICD will make a report on progress. It is understood by all that the successful implementation of the Agreement will be achieved if these steps are taken within the proposed time-scales; if they are not taken, the nominations mentioned above will fall to be confirmed by the Assembly."

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Ulster's year of progress

THE OUTLINE of a decommis- BY DAVID MCKITTRICK sioning agreement that emerged yesterday was just the latest in a series of hugely important developments which mean that the past 12 months have been among the most eventful in Northern Ireland's

The past year has encompassed both remarkable political movement and appalling personal tragedies. While violence and political movement have gone hand in hand, optimists can find comfort in the fact that, latterly, violence has dropped, while politics looks to be taking on a new momentum.

The Good Friday Agreement was clearly a momentous development, winning as it did the support of most of the local parties and, for the first time, producing a document endorsed by Ulster unionists and Irish republicans. But continuing dif-. ferences of opinion between the two sides on how the document should be interpreted. especially on the issue of arms decommissioning, have provided a discordant backdrop.

Joint referendums in Northern Ireland and in the Republic provided a huge popular mandate for the agreement. In the south, the pro-accord vote was more than 90 per cent while in the north it reached 71 per cent. That 71 per cent figure was arguably one of the most significant political events in Northern Ireland's history, in that no other political proposal had won such broad endorsement.

The vote signalled a profound change in the political landscape, offering as it did the first glimpse of an emerging civil society, with large sections of the two communities signalling a readiness to work together. While tribalism remained highly visible, the sense that a new start was being as horrifying as it was unex-

Ireland Correspondent

gades bombed the Co Tyrone

town of Omagh on a Saturday

afternoon. The 29 deaths

caused by the explosion

shocked Northern Ireland and

the world; they even shocked

Suddenly the deaths of the

Quinn prothers and those of the

victims of Omagh assumed a

dreadful symmetry: the first

had shown the dangers of loy-

alist violence, while the second

illustrated what republican ter-

The outcome of the intensive

negotiations yesterday has not

solved all the problems but

once again real progress has

rorism could do.

many paramilitary activists.

many circles. While the referendums unquestionably constituted a mandate of great political and indeed moral force, the northern vote also showed up a serious weakness in the support base for the accord. Analysis of the 71 per cent total showed that at best only a narrow majority of Protestants voted Yes.

This, with the proliferation of Unionist groupings that emerged in the elections to the new Stormont assembly, showed Protestant opinion was both structurally fractured and deeply divided on the accord. The Rev Ian Paisley and his followers were. unsurprisingly, completely against it, but so too was another substantial section of Unionist opinion.

This situation was bound to make life difficult for David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, and he responded by toughening his position on decommissioning to the point where this week's further bout of negotiations became necessary.

The great surge of communal hope and international goodwill produced by the Good Friday Agreement and the referendums was followed in July by serious street disorder arising from the Drumcree marching confrontation. Intimidation and clashes, mostly between loyalists and the police, spread to many parts of Northern

The episode ended with the deaths of three young boys, the Quinns, in a loyalist firebombing attack. Afterwards the widespread protests petered out, though sporadic trouble continued in Portadown throughout the year.

August brought an incident made has been palpable in pected, when republican rene-

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'This deal will

split Unionist

IN THE staunch Unionist heart- BY STEVE BOGGAN

al Robert Rollo Gillespie.

ing over its weapons.

no mood for compromise.

land of Comber nine miles south-east of Belfast is a grand strong Trimble supporter but I thought we were duped over war memorial to Major Generthe prisoner releases - I "One shot more for the hothought they would run connour of Down," said the town's currently with decommissionfavourite son as he fell in bating, but they haven't," he said.

tle at Kalunga in 1814. And "We in our community have yesterday, that stubborn spirit gone far enough but it would be was much in evidence as details a shame to stop now. I am of the Hillsborough declarapleased it's moving forward but the other side needs to tion reached the townsfolk. Puzzlement and confusion offer something as well. For the sake of our children they have were the initial reactions, fol-

lowed by a sense of wonder that. to give up their arms." by their interpretation, the IRA Others were less happy. had still not committed to hand-Corana Clarke, 35, a carer, said simply: "They still haven't given "We've already given them up their weapons? Why the too much" said Sheila Rea, 68, hell are we talking to them?"

whose father, Hugh Bruce, was Across town, under the killed by an IRA bomb in 1972. shadow of the high-rise blocks She and her husband, Wilfred of New Lodge in republican Rea, 74, were sitting in the north Belfast, there was more of a mood of reconciliation. sunshine underneath Gillespie's statue and they were in Here, the idea of giving up arms would have been anath-They've got their prisoners ema a year ago, but now there

out and now they are going to was an air of resignation.
get their seats as well," said "I am not surprised the I "I am not surprised the IRA Mrs Rea. "It's madness. My fa- don't want to give up their ther was just a commissionaire weapons over Easter, with the outside a furniture shop - he marching season coming up." was 68 years old - when they said Noel Morrow, 53. "But the blew him up. We still don't Unionists have been comknow who did it. Now they've let plaining about nothing - the lots of trained killers out of weapons have been silenced for prison and they still have their over a year. A lot of what trouweapons to do it all again. I can't ble there has been has been caused by them."

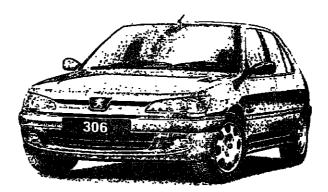
Sam McKinney felt the of people David Trimble must Unionists' demands for decarry with him if the latest commissioning had been overdeal is to succeed, but there is egged. "That was never a evidence that they may be pre-pre-condition - they just said it pared to leave him behind. was," he said. "People here "This is just another promise – just want it all done now but seats first, guns later," said Mr Trimble has a lot of folk to Rea. "This will split the entire move along with him and I am

As they walked home in the As the afternoon wore on dying sunshine both men said



Loyalist protesters yesterday outside Hillsborough Castle, where an agreement on paramilitary disarmament was outlined Stephen Davison

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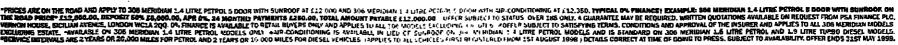
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War crimes trial: How a former ticket collector hid a murderous past until Russians chose to expose him

Nazi's hired killer who lay low for 50 years

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

IN THE small block of council flats where he lived in south London he was known simply as Tony. No one really knew much about him or his past, or even where he was from. Some people referred to him as "the German". All they knew for certain was that he had once worked on the railways.

For 25 years, Anthony Sawoniuk lived an anonymous existence on the Rouel Road estate in Bermondsey, keeping his past and its dark secrets to himself.

Those secrets have their genesis in a different country and in a different, desperate age, half a century and more than 1,000 miles away. They relate to the mass murder of innocents, of participation in genocide and of involvement in the Holocaust - crimes whose horrors have reverberated down the decades.

Sawoniuk was born in March 1921 in Domachevo, in what is now Belarus. His parents were unmarried and his family was poor. His Polish mother worked washing clothes for the town's Jewish families. Sawoniuk. nicknamed Andrusha, and his half-brother, Nikolai, would earn extra income by lighting fires for Jews on the Sabbath, or by chopping their wood.

The town of 4,000 people was largely free of racial conflict. Although Jews made up the majority of the population. there was no history of antagonism. All that was to change in June 1941 when the German Army invaded. The Nazis overran the town in hours and quickly set about establishing control. Sawoniuk, aged 20, volunteered to join the police force or Schutzmannschaft.

Anthony Sawoniuk in 1942 at a police training camp near Domachevo. Right: The monument in Domachevo to the thousands of Jews slaughtered by the Nazis. Those who escaped the massacre were hunted down MN/Allen Roger

In the following three years he was to rise to the rank of commandant. In that period, dressed in the navy blue police uniform with a badge on the sleeve which read "Trust, Obedience and Courage", he was also responsible for the deaths of at least 18 Jews whom he murdered in cold blood.

These murders were committed against the backdrop of the Nazis' "Final Solution" - a plan of genocide drawn up by Reichsmarschall Herman Göring. From the moment the Nazis seized control of Domachevo, the fate of its 3,000 or more Jews was settled.

Almost immediately their homes were seized and they were forced into a ghetto. Anyone leaving without a permit was subject to an arbitrary beating, anyone considered guilty of a more serious "crime" could be executed.

But these isolated incidents, however terrible, paled in comparison, to what the Nazis did

on one single day. In the early hours of 20 September 1942, the eve of the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur, the Nazis rounded up the inhabitants of the ghetto and marched them to sandhills on the edge of town. The road they took would become known as the "Route of Death" and those 2,900 Jews would never be seen alive again.

They were all being taken to their deaths. There were lots of them." recalled Galina Puchkina, who was just 12 years old when she was forced by the Nazis to witness the slaughter. It was what took place in the

aftermath of the massacre that finally caught up with Sawoniuk yesterday.

After the Jews were murdered and buried in mass graves. Sawoniuk was to organise "search and kill" teams to track down those who had escaped the slaughter.

Some days later, Fedor Zan, a schoolboy acquaintance of Sawoniuk, was passing through woods on the edge of town when he heard the sound of women crying. Creeping forward he saw 15 woman in a clearing, stripped to their underwear, standing in front of a pre-dug grave. In front of them stood the man he had known since childhood.

"He mowed them down with a machine gun. There were not less than 15 Jewish women." Mr Zan said in his evidence.

Another acquaintance of Sawoniuk, Alexander Baglay. now aged 69, watched him shoot three Jews before forcing their bodies into a pit. He shot them in the back of

the head with a pistol, said Mr Baglay, then aged 13. "Standing behind each of them [he] levered them into the pit by raising his knee."

These, at least, are the murders that have been proved. Local people in Domachevo made further allegations to British war crimes investiga-

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tors. They said he led a family of Jews, the Yankels, to their deaths on the sandhills; they said he had been involved in murders in the nearby town of Chersk: they said he shot a family called Khalalyuk; they said he shot a baby of the Gerasamchuk family. But these allegations remain unproven. Sawoniuk served with the

police for a further two years after the massacre, tracking down resistance fighters living in the forest. His hatred of the partisans was fuelled by the death of his first wife - a Russian called Anna Maslova - who was killed while pregnant during an attack on the police station in November 1943.

In July 1944, when the Red Army counterattacked, Sawoniuk fled with the retreating Nazis and joined a Waffen SS regiment. He never returned.

After deserting from the SS and changing sides. Sawoniuk arrived in Britain in 1946, embarking on half a century of lies and deception. He settled first in Hove, East Sussex, before moving to Dulwich in south London where he worked at St Francis Hospital, In 1961 he started working for British Rail, first as a cleaner and then as a ticket collector at London Bridge station.

He remarried twice 1947 to Christina van Gent, from whom he was divorced four years later, and then to Anastasia Davey who died in letter by the KGB which proved

traced almost by chance, when

a letter he wrote to his half-

brother in 1951 was intercept-

ed by the KGB. But it would be

35 years later before he came

to the attention of the British

Sawoniuk wrote the letter to

Nikolai four vears after he had

settled in Britain. His half-

brother was still living in

Soviet-occupied Belarus and

the KGB routinely intercepted

all mail from the West. The let-

ter revealed the whereabouts of

a man the Soviet secret police

had been looking for since the

Sawoniuk came to the at-

tention of the Russians as soon

as they liberated Domachevo in

July 1944. As was the practice,

the Red Army held an inquiry

to find out which people had

sided with the Nazis. Sawo-

niuk's name was one of those

authorities.

end of the war.

ANTHONY SAWONIUK was By ANDREW BUNCOMBE

Paul, 38, who despite using his might have succeeded in esmother's maiden name and

claiming he no longer sees his father, has in fact been in touch throughout the trial. "I am not idea of his past. "I have been speaking to anyone - not to you or anyone else - not now, not

KGB knew about Sawoniuk

but kept silent for decades

Sawoniuk arriving at court yesterday to hear the jury's verdict

ever," he said this week. But for the interception of a neighbour.

quickly added to the Russians'

list of wanted people. They

looked for him but there was no

trace. By this time, Sawoniuk

had long since fled crossing

into Poland with the Germans

in the company of his second

wife, Nina. He then signed up

for the Waffen SS but in No-

vember Sawoniuk deserted -

dumping the pregnant Nina -

while in Alsace, France, Per-

haps having seen the way the

war was going, Sawoniuk

changed sides - signing up to

join the 10th Hussar Regiment

of Polish Corps. Intriguingly,

Szymon Serafinowicz, who was

also charged with murdering

Jews but whose trial in Britain

collapsed when it was found he

was suffering from Alzheimer's

disease, also served with this

caping justice for ever.

Certainly those people amongst whom he lived had no here as long as anybody and Tony has always been a nice he wouldn't leave alive. bloke," said Marion Henry, a

brother the letter that would be

intercepted. The Russians felt

unable to act on it until in 1986

they passed to the Foreign Of-

fice a list of 97 suspected war

At the same time, the Simon

Wiesenthal Centre - the Is-

raeli organisation that traces

war criminals - had been push-

ing the British to act against

suspects. The head of its Israeli

office. Dr Effrain Zuroff, was

working on lists of suspects liv-

ing in Britain, Canada and Aus-

tralia. In October 1986 a list of

17 names - not including Sawo-

niuk - was presented to Britain.

and others led to the estab-

lishment in 1988 of a War

Crimes Inquiry, led by Sir

Thomas Hetherington and

William Chalmers. The Russian

list of 97 names, among them

Settling in Britain, Sawo- Sawoniuk, was passed to this

The persistence of Dr Zuroff

criminals living in Britain.

ferently. Ivan Tribunko, 60, a tractor driver, had a simple message. "My mother's family were killed and Andrusha was responsible. He was an animal. If they brought him back here

Additional reporting by Linus In Domachevo, those who re- Gregoriadis in London and 1995. The couple had one son, he was in Britain, Sawoniuk member Sawoniuk think dif- Adam Le Bor in Domachevo.

inquiry. Hugely controversial,

the inquiry recommended that

the issue of war criminals liv-

ing in Britain could no longer

be ignored. In 1991 Parliament

passed the War Crimes Act,

. which extended the jurisdiction

of British courts to deal with

crimes committed outside the

one of perhaps only two people

prosecuted in Britain under

the act. Police have revealed

that of the 376 cases of alleged

war crimes they have investi-

gated since 1991, only one other

possible prosecution was

pending. Another 30 suspects

living in Britain against whom

there is evidence of war crimes

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But Sawoniuk is likely to be

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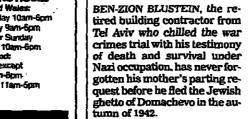






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"If you come through," Sheindel told the 19 year old in their makeshift bunker, "try to live a normal life. It is no shame for a man to cry, but don't forget how to laugh.

Within days, Sheindel, her husband and two younger children were dead. The husband, Mr Blustein's steofather, swallowed a lethal dose of morphine. The others were shot after Mr Bhustein, by then a prisoner grooming horses for a squad of German soldiers,

BY ERIC SILVER

in Tel Aviv

thought he had persuaded the troops to bring them into the barracks where they would be

AND ESTHER LEACH

For Mr Blustein, it was the beginning of a desperate, personal three-year war: running from the Germans and their east European henchmen, fighting with the partisans, liberating the Maidanek slave labour and extermination camp in Poland with the Red Army, then driving on to a Berlin

smoking and abject in its defeat. By the time he reached the new-born Jewish state in 1948, Mr Blustein had earned the right to laugh - though first he fought in one more war, with the Israeli army, before he could regrets. "If I hadn't testified." he



Blustein: 'Sawoniuk must face justice for what he did'

build that normal life. Reliving the wartime horrors, first for Scotland Yard, then the Old Bailey and now The Independent, troubles Mr Blustein's sleep. But he has no re-

Victims who got justice at last asked, "who would have done? I agree with those who say Sawoniuk should have been tried 50 years ago, but for what

that man did he must face justice. He mustn't get away with living a normal life all that time." Another witness, Ludwik Tribuchowicz, is one of just a handful of people who can place Anthony Sawoniuk in Domachevo on the day of the Jewish massacre. As such he

chooses his words with care. "He was a bloody bastard. I saw him the morning of the massacre at the police station. He behaved perfectly normal. He was there until word was sent for him to leave.

Since he had a heart attack, Mr Tribuchowicz, now 82, has not been well enough to travel from his home in Pontefract, West Yorkshire, to give evi-





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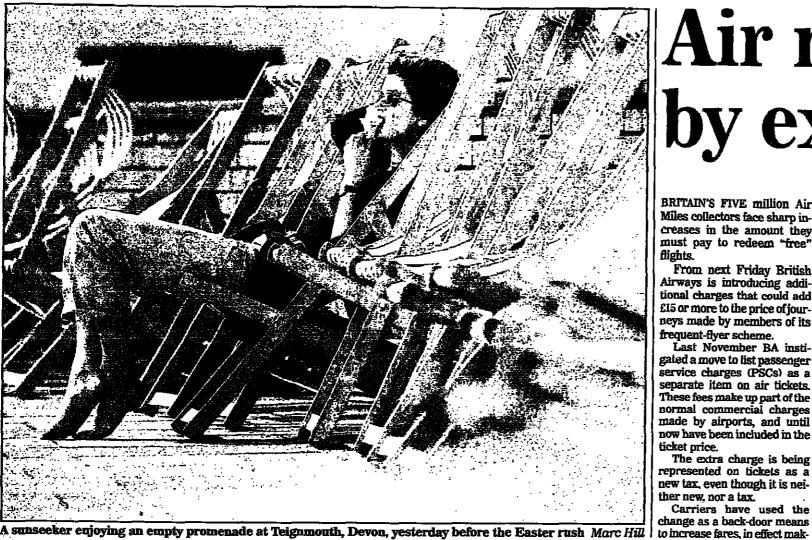
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Air miles devalued by extra charges

BRITAIN'S FIVE million Air BY SIMON CALDER Miles collectors face sharp increases in the amount they must pay to redeem "free"

From next Friday British Airways is introducing additional charges that could add £15 or more to the price of journeys made by members of its frequent-flyer scheme.

Last November BA instigated a move to list passenger service charges (PSCs) as a separate item on air tickets. These fees make up part of the normal commercial charges made by airports, and until now have been included in the ticket price.

The extra charge is being represented on tickets as a new tax, even though it is neither new, nor a tax.

Carriers have used the change as a back-door means Travel Editor

ing passengers pay twice for a single element of the airline's

Initially, Air Miles - the BA subsidiary that operates the have effectively been devalscheme - said it had no plans to levy the charge on members. But inquiries by The Independent have revealed that for bookings made from next Friday, 9 April, collectors will have

to pay an extra fee.

The amount varies from one airport to another, and may apply either to departing or arriving passengers. In the case of a flight from Aberdeen to Belfast, the charge will add £17.80 in addition to the £10 Air Passenger Duty - a genuine government tax - already payable. On "free" flights from

BA's busiest airports, Heathrow

and Gatwick, passengers will

pay an extra £7.30 and £4.80 respectively. The company will not say how many Air Miles are in circulation, but there are be-

lieved to be several billion. Because of the increase in the cost of redemption, they

Judith Thorne, group marketing director for Air Miles, said the increase was because the parent company was demanding higher payments for seats on its flights: "We will be charged PSC by British Airways, just as other travel agents are. We therefore need to pass this on to the cus-

Consumer groups reacted angrily to the Air Miles move. Bob Tolliday, of the Consumers' Association magazine Holiday Which?, said: "It's just a price rise that's under the smokescreen of an increase in

charges, and another example of BA abusing its dominant position in the marketplace."

Some of BA's rivals, including Virgin Atlantic and KLM. have already begun adding the charge to frequent-flyer bookings. In the case of a KLM passenger between Edinburgh and London City, this means an

extra charge of £13. The Air Miles move is likely to come under scrutiny from the Office of Fair Trading. The watchdog is already investigating more than 20 complaints from consumers and the travel industry about the addition of PSCs to fares, and has asked airlines not to represent the charge as a tax.

And this week the Association of British Travel Agents began High Court proceedings against BA, Virgin Atlantic and Lufthansa, alleging the use of

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departed Britain from airports behind Mediterranean temperatures that made this year's April Fool's Day one of the warmest in memory.

failed to beat the 1 April record of 22.6C set in Cambridgeshire in 1907, much of central and southern England was hotter than Nice, Athens or Los Angeles. It could get even hotter. Although many areas may be overcast today and tomorrow. weather forecasters said it

throughout the Easter weekend, especially on coastal roads. The AA estimated that 10 million road journeys will be made over the four-day holiday traffic on motorways had begun by midday yesterday. "People always think they can avoid congestion by leaving earlier but everybody seems to have the same idea," said Michael John-

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By yesterday lunchtime the forecasters suggested. Colin

Office said: "It will become unsettled and overcast in some regions and there could be some light rain, which will spread from the west to the

The Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) says more than 800,000 passengers are due to depart from UK airports over the weekend.

Steven Freudmann, Abta's president, said: "With Easter falling early this year, many of us are taking the opportunity to experience a little sunshine overseas or take some time to sample a spring city break."

Staff at Gatwick said they were preparing for 327,000 pasrs to pass through during the four-day holiday, with their busiest day expected tomorrow. Favourite destinations from Gatwick are Malaga, Tenerife, Dublin, Orlando, Faro and New

Easter Monday is expected to be Heathrow's busiest day. with almost 170,000 passengers. Paris, Amsterdam, Dublin, Edinburgh and New York are the most popular destinations for travellers from the London airport.

Britain's ports were also busy as many holidaymakers headed to the Continent. Dover Harbour Board is expecting more than 260,000 passengers

or Riviera

THOUSANDS OF holidaymakers By LINUS GREGORIADIS and ferry terminals, leaving Donnelly of the Meteorological

Although temperatures

could reach 22C on Easter Day and Bank Holiday Monday. Motorists have been warned to expect heavy road congestion - a 5 per cent increase on last year. The build-up of boliday

son of the AA. temperature had reached 18.6C at Heathrow airport. The hot weather, caused by a band of high pressure sweeping up from the Azores, may be interrupted today before returning later in the weekend, weather

IN BRIEF

Free eye tests for over-60s

SEVEN MILLION people are now eligible for free eye tests after the Government scrapped a £17.50 charge for the over-60s. Eye tests had been free only to children, people on low incomes and those at risk from eye disease. But Age Concern said spectacles should also be free.

Nuns exempt from minimum wage

NUNS WILL be exempt from the National Minimum Wage because their work is largely voluntary, the Government said yesterday. Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has accepted recommendations made by the Low Pay Commission.

Robinson cleared on shares

GEOFFREY ROBINSON, former paymaster-general, was not required to register a property shareholding, the Standards and Privileges Committee ruled. He produced documents showing he held the shares in trust for children of his father by a second marriage.

Seized eggs may be DNA tested

POLICE MAY carry out DNA tests on nearly 1,500 birds eggs seized in raids to try to match them to feathers from known nesting sites. The eggs were seized in raids in Brixham and Toines in Devon on Tuesday.

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Breast cancer delays kill 500 women a year

WOMEN WITH breast cancer who wait longer than three months from first noticing a lump to getting treatment die sooner, a worldwide review of research has found. Prompt treatment could save at least 1 in 20, and possibly 1 in 10 who dies after experiencing a longer

The unexpected finding, which appears in The Lancet, triggered a dispute before it was published. A second paper in the journal said delays of over three months had no effect on survival: its author said he had been excluded from a press conference called to announce the results of the two studies. The suggestion that a few

BY JEREMY LAURANCE Health Editor

months' delay can reduce survival is controversial because it will increase pressure on hospital breast clinics and put GPs at risk of litigation if they "watch and wait" rather than referring patients with symptoms. It is also counter to medical orthodoxy.

About 30,000 women a year in Britain are diagnosed with breast cancer and a third wait longer than three months for treatment. The delay is partly due to women postponing going to a GP and partly to the wait between referral and a hospital appointment. If the total delay could be reduced to less than three months for all women, at least 500 lives could be saved, Imperial Cancer Re-

search Fund experts say. The importance of speed of treatment is a controversy that has raged for 90 years. Doctors have said a turnour takes years to grow from a single cell to a detectable lump and that a few extra months cannot make a difference to survival. The results of the first systematic review of 100,000 patients in 87 studies from around the world, by Michael Richards and colleagues at St Thomas' Hospital, challenges that assumption.

It comes as the Government delivers its pledge to shorten waiting-times for women with symptoms.

From yesterday a new NHS target requires that all women with suspected breast cancer by a specialist within two

The target is criticised by the authors of the second paper in The Lancet, which found delays of more than three months did not affect survival, and that those treated quickest (within a month) died soonest.

Richard Sainsbury and colleagues at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, who examined 36,000 cases in the northern and Yorkshire, region, conclude that "the drive ... to be seen within 14 days will divert resources from other services. Resources should instead be directed to ensuring that all patients have access to [the best care]."

At a news conference organised by the research fund yesterday, Professor Richards challenged this finding on the basis that women treated quickest had the most serious disease and were therefore most likely to die.

Mr Sainsbury, who was not invited to the news conference, said some studies included in Professor Richards's review were 70 years old. Too great an emphasis on speed of treatment would lead to clinics being overwhelmed and patients getting worse service.

Both experts conceded, however, that the Government is addressing only one aspect of delay - that caused by hospitals - while ignoring that caused by women themselves who fail to consult GPs promptly with symptoms. Delays in obtaining treatment were caused equalreferred by a GP should be seen ly by patients and by hospitals.

EARLY WARNINGS

The first sign is usually a lump in the breast, but other initial symptoms include changes to the nipple or dimpling of the breast. This list is used by specialists in south-east London:

■ Breast lump in a woman over 25

■ Persistent nodularity (lumpiness) in a woman over 30 ■ Blood-stained nipple discharge with a lump in a woman of any age

■ New appearance of dimpling of the breast (not

present from birth)

■ New nipple inversion on one side rsistent nipple ulceration or ecze

■ Persistent infection in the breast (in a woman who is not breast-feeding)

Cervical tests

women has cut the incidence of the disease by a third in a decade but it is too expensive to run in its current form, re-

Despite repeated scandals involving mis-read smears, the national screening service is saving hundreds of lives a year. While women cannot avoid all risk of the disease by attending a year. for a regular smear every three to five years, the figures show that, for all its faults, screening is effective.

deaths.

Deaths had anyway been falling by 1.5 per cent a year utive normal results."

since the 1950s but after 1987 the rate of fall trebled. By 1997 the number of deaths was 1,150. down from 1,800 in 1987, suggesting that the screening programme may have saved 800 lives of women aged 25 to 54 in that year. Fifty years ago, cervical cancer claimed 2.500 lives

The authors, writing in the British Medical Journal, say the annual cost of the screening programme is £132m, four times the cost of the breast screening programme, which aims to save 1.250 lives a year in the target group of women aged 55 to 69.

"Costs of screening could be reduced substantially, with little loss in effectiveness, by screening all women every five years ... and by not continuing to screen women over 50 who have had two or three consec-



searchers claim.

Dr Mike Quinn and colleagues from the Office of National Statistics say that the proportion of women being screened rose to 85 per in 1988 when a national call and recall system was introduced. Up to that point, although screening had been carried out for 20 years, it had failed to reduce

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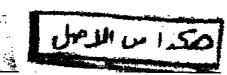
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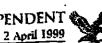
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Pianist fakes death to see obituaries

from the Austrian Press Agency (APA) announced the unexpected death of Friedrich Gulda, the world of classical music seemed to have lost one of its most talented and eclectic exponents.

Fellow heavyweights of the music world lined up to pay trib- cal "whodunnit" - with the finute to the internationally renowned pianist, lauded as a genius for his interpretations of Mozart and Bach, and later for his jazz playing, who had died after apparently suffering a apparently disappeared, and beart attack at Zurich airport.

complex life, seemed to have no intention of making its end any more straightforward. Shortly after the news of his demise had

sent another message: "Do not use the item Austrian Pianist Guida Dead' - the news agency has retracted this report." Now the mysterious "death"

of Gulda has become a classiger of blame pointing most firmly at the pianist himself. For two days after the APA report, the fate of the pianist

was shrouded in darkness. He members of his family would But Gulda, a pianist with a not answer the phone. A journalist reported seeing Gulda at Zurich airport looking unwell.

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APA, saying he had seen the pianist a day earlier and that he reached newsrooms, the APA had seemed "remarkably alive". But sensationally, he also alleged he had been approached by Guida and asked to participate in the hoax by fil-

ing an obituary. He declined. Many now believe that Gulda, who is renowned as a pianist of genius, an eccentric, and a musical anarchist (he once played a television duet with his girlfriend in the nude), was responsible for the fax announcing his death. The fax was sent from Zurich airport at a time when the pianist was there. Gulda is "unavailable" for comment, so theories for the

hoaxed death abound. In a recent interview, Gulda

had forbidden any obituaries to be written about him, saying: People have thrown so much muck at me while I am alive, I do not want them to chuck it into my grave as well." Some believe he wanted to test how seriously this "injunction" was taken by journalists.

It may also have been his idea of a practical joke. "There are varying opinions about the question what Mr Gulda finds funny," an APA journalist said.

But there is another possible reason for this hoax: on Monday, the pianist is scheduled to play Mozart at a rare classical appearance in Salzburg. The title of this concert is "Resurrection Party". It is

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THE REHABILITATION of Ann Widdecombe, the Tory health spokesman once branded "Doris Karloff" by the tabloids, appeared complete last night when it was announced she had secured an advance of £100,000 for her first two novels from Weidenfeld and Nicolson.

The former Home Office minister's popularity has been on the rise since she saved the nation from the spectre of Michael Howard as Tory party leader by remarking that there was "something of the night" about him. She gave a barnstorming performance at last year's Conservative Party conference and has become a dar-

ling of the Tory press. Her first novel, The Clematis Tree, explores the strains placed on the family of a profoundly handicapped child by the passage of a Euthanasia Bill. Ms Widdecombe, as a converted Catholic, is fiercely op-

posed to euthanasia. She is working on a second novel, set in wartime France. Yesterday she said that she was immensely excited by the publishing deal.

"There was a certain amount of scepticism around when I said I was writing it but I have had it in my head for a long time and I had confidence in it," she said.



Widdecombe: A writer', not a dabbler

"Nevertheless I was relieved when it was accepted straight away. I was afraid they would think I was a politician dabbling in writing rather than a serious writer'

Ion Trewin, who accepted the novel for the publishers, said: "This is a wonderful novel and opens up a whole new career. It is hard to believe it is a first novel. It reads as though she has been writing all her life."

Martyn Goff, critic and administrator of the Booker Prize, ras more sceptical. "The chances of the pub-

lisher getting their money back are very low," he said. "It is more to do with her name recognition, although obviously there is a chance she's written something wonderful. But more likely it's part of the trend of paying out huge advances for those with notoriety

Dolly has three more little lambs

DOLLY the cloned sheep has had not just one little lamb, but three more, following her sec-

ond pregnancy. The unassisted birth was "a further demonstration" that the cloning method used to produce Dolly has not hampered her ability to breed normally and produce healthy offspring, said Dr Harry Griffin, assistant director of the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, where the sheep lives,

It could have important implications if human cloning were ever made legal. The cloning method, by which the nucleus of an egg cell is re-placed by that of an adult cell. appears to "reset the clock" of the cell, which means that ciones can breed normally. If that did not happen, Dolly would behave like a nine-year old sheep, rather than a threeyear-old, because the cells used to create her came from the udder of a six-year-old ewe. She was born in July 1996.

Similarly, a human cloned from a 50-year-old would apparently start at the same age BY CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Editor

as any other baby, though scientists are still unsure whether accumulated damage to the "parental" DNA would affect the clone late in life.

Dolly, the first mammal to be successfully cloned from an adult cell, was already a mother: she gave birth to Bonnie last spring. The newborn lambs are being kept in a special pen at one of the institute's farms. where there is infra-red heating. They have have the same father as Bonnie – a Welsh mountain ram called David. "Dolly and her lambs [two males and one female) are in good health. The births were unassisted and all three are suckling well," the institute said.

Dr Griffin added: "We are delighted. The birth of Bonnie almost exactly 12 months ago confirmed that despite Dolly's unusual origins, she is able to produce healthy offspring. It's a nice story at Easter - a pleasant one, when there's a lot less pleasant news around."

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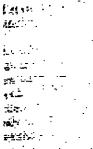
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Schemes to tackle sex offenders, drug-related offenders and unruly children, including the highly publicised child curfew and parenting order schemes, are criticised in research by the National Association of Probation Officers. It reveals, for example, that a large proportion of drug addicts would rather go to jail than undergo treatment on a new government programme. Nearly six months after the

Straw sex

Home Affairs Correspondent

tempts to curb the activities of

sex offenders by making them

Sex Offender Order has so far

been imposed, on the Man-

chester rapist Michael Gor-

don, 35. He was released last

year after being sentenced to 12

years in 1988 for raping two stu-

dents. The order places re-

strictions on his movements

breaches of which could result

that sex offenders spent "all day

hanging around playgrounds' was inaccurate. "Orders re-

stricting their movements are

very limited. What is needed is

intensive supervision and sur-

veillance and a requirement to

undertake a sex offender treat-

Other orders introduced in

the Crime and Disorder Act

have also been largely ignored

by the courts. Local child cur-

few schemes, designed to curb

the activities of persistent child

offenders, have yet to be used

anywhere in the country, de-

spite being available to the

courts for nearly six months.

At the same time, the Gov-

ernment introduced parenting

orders, designed to help par-

ents to prevent their children committing anti-social acts. Al-

though the orders have been

available in nine pilot areas

since September, only 21 have

Mr Fletcher said the level of

ment programme."

Mr Fletcher said the idea

in a five-year jail sentence.

introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act, the courts have issued only 30 of the new drug treatment and testing orders. About 60 of the 120 drugrelated offenders who have been offered the programme have refused to take part.

Harry Fletcher, of the association, said: "They say that having to report every day for counselling and being tested several times a week was too tough. They would rather go to prison and stay on the drugs."

The programme, which costs £6,000 per head, was introduced last September in three pilot areas; Gloucestershire, Merseyside and Croydon. Offenders are required to have intensive therapy five days a week and are subjected to drug-testing between one and three times a week.

been issued. The association has written to the Home Office minister George Howarth to complain about the "degrading" conditions in which testing takes place. Lone female officers are having to watch over male offenders while they produce a

Russian spy, once dismissed

Landscape with Bacchus and

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1624 when Poussin was a strug-

er of the French painter.

take-up of all the orders must be "extremely disappointing" for the Home Office. And he added: "The idea of the blanket child curiew was deeply flawed and the parenting orders were highly suspect."

A Home Office spokes-Probation officers also bewoman said the take-up of all lieve the Home Office's at- the orders would be reviewed.

goes on show

Restored Poussin

A RESTORED painting by the BY MARIA BRESLIN 17th-century artist Nicolas experts at the Walker Art Poussin was unveiled yesterday. Gallery in Liverpool. Sir Anthony Blunt, Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures and a

The painting was attributed as an early Poussin after restoration work at the awardwinning Conservation Centre in Liverpool where the canvas was cleaned and X-rayed.

Now the work, painted in Its authenticity was verified gling young artist working in by Pierre Rosenberg, of the Rome, is being hailed as a Louvre in Paris, and the Na-"major find" by European art tional Gallery in London.

Sushi boom makes work for ex-miners

SOME FORMER miners in the BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH Midlands facing a jobless future after their pit closed have manager, said the miners had turned their hands to making sushi. The Japanese delicacy is them off on sandwiches to get increasingly fashionable in the them used to it." she said. The UK and a factory has opened on men were given samples to the site of a disused colliery take home and, after initial near Worksop.

There, ex-miners, many untrained to prepare the intricate year to employ 400 people. raw fish and seaweed dishes, Mark Orwin, who lost his job at pits that have been reborn. In the Manton colliery, admits he Barnsley, the former Dodworth had never heard of sushi before he started work at Solway Foods is happy to have a job. "I used to work a lot of machinery down the pit, although it is obviously different stuff here, smaller of course, but you can get on with it."

Sally Mitchell, the factory

proved adaptable. "We started scepticism, it proved surprisingly popular. The company is employed for years, are being hoping to expand over the next

> Manton is one of several colliery is now a Japanese ball bearing factory. Miners in Mansfield are now employed making car seats for Toyota. Cadeby and Denaby mines

in Doncaster, which closed about 10 years ago with the loss of 10,000 jobs, have been converted into The Earth Centre,

a series of galleries dedicated to environmental issues. The centre opens today and employs some former miners as security guards and guides.

But Joan Dixon, of the Coalfields Communities Campaign, said that although companies were claiming to employ former miners, there was a long way to go to find new jobs for all 250,000 who lost their jobs when the pits closed.

We are campaigning for jobs and to regenerate the coalfields, and if there are any companies setting up new factories then obviously we would rather they came to these areas, but there are still thousands of them who are unemployed," she said.

They are very hard-working and they want to work."

ENTERPRISES THAT ROSE FROM THE DEAD

Phileas Fogg, which makes tortilla chips, was set up in 1993 following the closure of the steelworks at Consett, Co. Durham.

Rocialle Medical Ltd. employs 200 people and was established in 1996 at

Cwm Cynon business park on the site of the former Navigation colliery. Aiwa, a Japanese company making videos, employs 970 people in the Crumlin

area. It was formerly the North Celynen Colliery. Ventura has opened a

£15m call centre on the site of the former Manyers Main colliery, Rotherham. South Yorkshire. The former **Snibstone** Colliery in Coalville, Leicestershire, is now a discovery park. Ex-miners lead tours of the old pit.

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Combat lessons for infant teachers

TEACHERS OF children as By BEN RUSSELL young as three are being Education Correspondent taught restraint techniques by experts from a top-security hospital to control violent and

disruptive pupils. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers, meeting in Harrogate yesterday, called for all staff to be given the specialist training as it emerged that teams from Ashworth special hospital on Merseyside had been called in to train

staff in several schools and even nurseries.

The teachers demanded help in coping with the increasing number of children with emotional and behavioural difficulties being educated in mainstream schools.

Delegates warned that plans to educate more "special needs" children in mainstream

well-intentioned but ill-fated

care in the community". Expulsions, even those in creased sharply in recent years and teachers repeatedly complain that they are being re-

quired to deal with disruptive and even violent young people. John Williamson, a teacher at Kilgarth school in Birkenhead, Liverpool, said he had

and said the same course was becoming popular among other schools. The training covers primary schools, have in- safe ways of restraining violent youngsters, such as arm grips, and ways of leading children away from confrontation or po-

tentially harmful situations. The sessions, based on techniques developed to deal with some of Britain's most dangerous criminals, are also designed

of situations that arose from the course by Ashworth specialists help teachers to avoid conflict by using body language and eye contact. Mr Williamson, whose school caters for boys aged between 11 and 16 with emotional and behavioural difficulties. said he used the specialist techniques daily, and said it was es-

> similar training. "It may be only once a month, or once in a career that you come across this sort of sit-

sential that all teachers had

classes could lead "to the sort been through a three-day to defuse confrontations and uation, but it can terminate your career if you do not know how to cope with it.

"Incidents of violence have been recorded by children of infant age. We have not yet seen the tip of the iceberg with disaffection. It was unusual but now it is becoming a fact that arm locks or push children to children of infant age can and do react violently."

Guidelines showing teachers how to use "reasonable force" to restrain unruly pupils were

sible prosecution if they intervened in violent or dangerous incidents. Under the rules, teachers can lead children out of fights, block their path or guide them with a hand on

the ground. Mr Williamson said the Government had done too little to heip teachers. "If these children

published last year to increase with emotional and behaviourprotection for staff against posmainstream schools, training is a priority because it gives professional confidence."

Richard Neale, a member of the union's national executive, said: "Training is important for their back, but they cannot use all staff and not just in special educational needs schools. Additional funding is essential. We are doing our best and we will continue to do our best but we need support and funding."

UK children are among world's best behaved

IN THE international naughty league, children from Puerto Rico and the United States are the worst behaved, while those the Dutch, according to a study.

tive child-rearing practices contribute to differences in levels of bad behaviour in children.

The survey, which looked at child-behavioural reports of

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Based on survey of 13.697 children in 12 countries.

Social Affairs Correspondent

more than 13,500 children aged from Sweden are angelic in 6 to 17 in 12 cultures, found chilcomparison. British children dren in the US and Puerto show the same level of bad be- Rico Ia US dependent territohaviour as the Germans and ry] displayed the most aggressive and delinquent be-Experts believe genetic dif- haviour, followed by Israel and ferences between cultures, the Jamaica. Those children were stability of family life, levels of also more likely to be anxious education, wealth and alterna- and depressed. Swedish children were the least likely to be violent and overall displayed the fewest social behavioural problems.

The research, published in this month's American Journal of Psychiatry, showed that while boys were more likely to be aggressive or display delinquent behaviour, girls worldwide were more likely to be anxious or depressed and have problems sleeping. "The differences in chil-

dren's behaviour are a result of both environmental and genetic factors," said Alfons Crijnen, a child and adolescent psychiatrist at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, who wrote the study.

"Overall, children who are weli-educated are less likely to have behavioural problems.



level of behaviour as the Dutch and the Germans because they have a similar quality of education and their parents have the same attitudes towards child-rearing."

Dr Crijnen believes the findhow genetics influences be- discourages parents from

ods were also seen to have a big influence on behaviour.

Edward Melhuish, a professor of human development at Cardiff University, said that Sweden's anti-smacking policy. which was introduced more ings will allow more study of than 20 years ago, and which

had a direct effect on the low level of aggression in Swedish

"If the form of parental discipline involves violence then the children are more also more likely to use violence. Children who grow up in a home or neighbourhood envi-

ceptable tend to be more and have problems sleeping. aggressive."

The findings of the research showed that children in the younger age groups had a greater tendency to be aggressive than those in their dren aged 15 to 17 were more other countries.

The greatest difference between the sexes was in the

Netherlands. Dutch adolescent boys aged 15 to 17 years were more aggressive and girls less aggresteens. In contrast, older chil-sive than the gender trend in

Docks scheme £193m in red

By Paul Waugh Political Correspondent

UPGRADING BRITAIN'S Royal Dockyards is £193m overspent and up to six years behind schedule, a damning Commons report has found.

The all-party Public Accounts Committee concluded that poor Ministry of Defence management had led to major delays to the refitting projects for nuclear submarines at

Rosyth and Devonport. The delays were so serious they risked jeopardising the operational capability of the Royal Navy's most expensive fighting machines.

In the report published vesterday, MPs also found that taxpayers had lost a further £20m because the last Torv government sold off the yards cheaply. There was no competition for the privatisation, MPs found, with contractors Babcock Rosyth Defence and Devonport Management the only bidders for each site.

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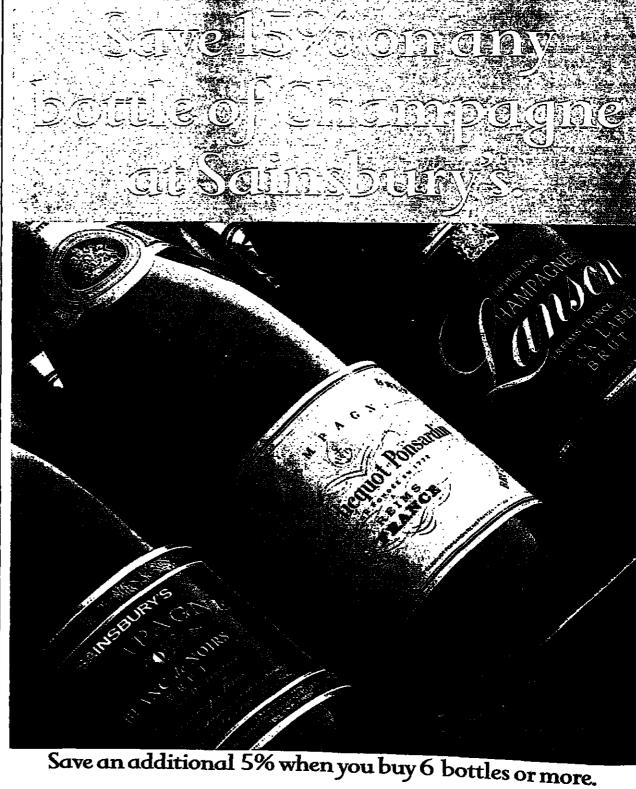
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MPs described the overspend on refurbishment as "wholly unacceptable". Even though the vards are privately owned, the MoD is paying to upgrade their facilities to ensure that nuclear submarines can be adequately refitted. But overspending had been "massive", totalling £193m, equivalent to a rise of 57 per cent on the original estimate.

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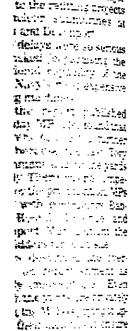
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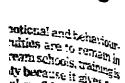








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Car now as slow as train and bus

MOTORISTS WHO try to beat BY PHILIP THORNTON the bus by driving into central London are wasting their time, according to official figures published yesterday.

The journey time into the city centre by car is as slow as by public transport for the first time, a government survey found. The study by the De-

LONG HAUL Nine-mile journey from outer to inner London Time (minutes)

Bus/train 1995 59.7 62.6 63.9

Speed (mph) 1995 9.0 8.4 Source: DETR

partment for the Environmental, Transport and the Regions found an average nine-mile journey between outer and central London took both the car and public transport 64 minutes.

Car journey times rose 7 per cent from the 60 minutes recorded in 1995, while public transport trips using a mixture of bus, train and Tube took 2 per cent longer; up from 63 minutes. Transport Correspondent

port minister, said: "This shows yet again that traffic congestion is choking London streets and making journey times longer for everyone, particularly for car drivers. Using public transport means less congestion, less pollution and less wasted time."

However, the car was much quicker for journeys within suburban London - at 42 minutes compared with 73 by bus or train. The survey also found the average journey time by bi-cycle for eight-mile trips was 48 minutes, compared with 36 minutes by car. The survey was done at varying times to given an accurate result.

The report, Journey Times Survey 1998 - Central and Outer London, found that growing levels of congestion over the past three years had been a major cause for slowing down car journeys. Other reasons included motorists choosing longer and more varied routes to avoid traffic jams and a 13 per cent rise - to £10.50 - in the cost of four hours' parking, prompting motorists to take time seek-

ing cheap parking. The AA said motorists preferred their cars and would Traffic congestion worsens - but it has been a problem in London for years, as this 1935 picture of Hyde Park Corner shows public transport was improved. Paul Watters, head of road

and transport policy at the AA. said: "Even though journey times may be the same, the people that are in their cars argue that they are much happier being in the car rather than being in the cold and wet with other people.

"Our surveys of London members show they are strong bus beats the car. As long as bus stop and waiting for the sersupporters of the car for rea- they are level, the average dri-

sons of personal security and safety. They may use public transport but they don't like it."

The Confederation of Passenger Transport said the trend was moving in the right direction and would be helped by government policies such as congestion charging and workplace parking charges. "We have to get the point where the

ver will prefer their car," a spokesman said.

Researchers carried out 80 trips between central and outer London in both directions and 80 long journeys through the outer suburbs.

They included time taken to find parking spaces and, for public transport users, time spent walking to the station or

Partnerships 'are future of railways'

THE MAN appointed by the BY PHILIP THORNTON Government to get the trains to run on time criticised the privatisation of the railways yesterday, saying it had left a "fragmented" network.

Sir Alastair Morton, speaking on his first day as chairman of the Strategic Rail Authority have to take that fragmentation (SRA), said his first priority was and turn it into public-private

to bring investment back to the railways. "One of the problems is lack of investment and then there's the problem that privatisation was achieved

Sir Alastair, 61. was co- route. chairman of Eurotunnel and masterminded the creation of the £10bn Channel Tunnel. His new role is equally challenging as the latest official figures through fragmentation. We showed two-thirds of the rail network suffered falling puncfuality last year with one in five

sector partnerships," he said. trains running late on the worst

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who appointed Sir Alastair, said: "This is a crucial new position and we want to see this new body work for the interests of the passenger. We have to make sure we have

Sir Alastair said: "We have in John Prescott someone with a vision and a plan for how to get there. My job is to turn that into something concrete. It won't be done overnight but I'm confident that it will be done."

The SRA will exist in shadow form until the Government gives

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Disabled comedy aired by BBC By Paul McCann Media Editor THE BBC is to stretch the boundaries of comedy with a

new sketch show written and performed by the disabled called Yes Sir, I Can Boogie.

The new show, which will also have some able-bodied writers and performers, includes such gags as a limbless odd-job man. It will be broadcast next month on Radio 4 and the BBC hopes it will do for the disabled what the award-winning Goodness Gracious Me did for British Asians, by showing disability in a mainstream and funny way.

The show's comedy comes from a surreal take on the world. The producer Ash Atalla, who is himself in a wheelchair, emphasises that the comedy in the programme comes ahead of tackling disabled issues: "I've never really identified with the disability programmes that have been on in the past, they're all too whingey, too negative. I just think it better to use the slot to make a good show."

Mr Atalla says the show does not make fun of disability, but he expects criticism from some disability campaigners.

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Starr's Lewinsky inquiry cost \$6m

AMERICANS MAY now be looking on their President as in Washington commander-in-chief rather than entertainer-in-chief, but they have been presented with two vivid flashbacks to "that woman".

From the General Accounting Office, which audits public I do not because I do not believe spending, came preliminary estimates that the independent counsel. Kenneth Starr, spent more than \$6m investigating the Monica Lewinsky scandal, bringing his total spending over the four and a half years of the investigation of the President to more than \$40m - a record for any independent counsel investigation.

Then from President Clinton



Bill Clinton: No bitterness against his accusers

that combination of defiance and fun that made him so difficult for Mr Starr to incriminate. In his first one-to-one interview since his acquittal by the Senate, Mr Clinton insisted that he did not regard the impeachment vote against him in the House of Representatives as a "badge of shame" and harboured no bitterness towards his accusers.

He also stated that, despite rumours of a separation, he and his wife. Hillary intend to stay together and that if she decided to run for the Senate he would be at her side.

Asked by Dan Rather, the ters, how he felt about - it does not, all investigations

ident to be impeached, and the first elected president to suffer that fate, he replied: "I do not regard this impeachment vote as some great badge of shame. it was warranted and I just don't believe it was right."

Asked to respond to the like-lihood that his impeachment would figure in the first para-graph of his obituary, Mr Clinton said: "If it is, if the history writers are honest, they'll tell it for just exactly what it was. And I'm honoured that something indefensible was pursued and that I had the opportunity to defend the Constitution."

He denied he had ever considered resignation: "Never, not a second, never, never," he said. But goaded to say that Hillary was the main force behind this reluctance, he said carefully that she had "felt at least as strongly as I did".

Asked about his wife and daughter, Chelsea, Mr Clinton was more upbeat than he has been since he admitted the relationship with Ms Lewinsky. "I think, given what we've been through, we're doing reasonably well. You know, we're not a large family, but we do love each other very much. And we work hard to support one another. I think we're doing quite well considering what we've been through and, God willing,

Meanwhile, Kenneth Starr's investigation continues. Legal proceedings involving Mr Clinton's associates such as Webster Hubbell, a former assistant attorney-general, and Susan McDougal, a former business partner from Arkansas, are still in progress, and a grand jury investigation related to further obstruction of justice allegations against Mr Clinton is not yet complete.

we'll keep after it," he said.

Congress, however, must decide by June whether to renew doyen of US television presen- date, and if - as appears likely becoming only the second pres- will end for lack of money.



The Reverend Al Sharpton (left) escorting the parents of police shooting victim Amadou Diallo towards the state Supreme Court in the Bronx, New York. Four white police officers who killed Mr Diallo, an unarmed black man, in a fusillade of 41 bullets have been indicted on second-degree murder charges

Lynsey Addario/AP

E-mail rogue virus is traced to Florida

trying to track the source of the in Los Angeles Melissa virus, which overloaded tens of thousands of computers with junk e-mail earlier in the week, have narrowed their search to an Internet service provider in Orlando, Florida, many of whose users spend their time collecting, detecting and cre-

We understand Melissa came from a client using our service," Ron Spohn, projects

ating computer viruses.

CYBERSPACE DETECTIVES BY ANDREW GUMBEL

manager for the provider Aecess Orlando, told Reuters. "But we don't really control the content. The client told us he was taking down the web page."

The FBL relying heavily on the research of amateur computer sleuths, has been racing to find Melissa's creator since the virus first appeared last Friday and caused several company e-mail systems to crash as

messages for every one opened. The mailings, which contained the words "Important message from ... " in their title, included an attachment listing pornographic Internet

Two computer experts, the head of a software company in Cambridge, Massachusetts. and a doctoral student in Sweden, independently traced Melissa to a user calling himself VicodinES after the name fice software programs. The creator, described in some re-

VicodinES, in turn, had a page a "macro", an electronic means on a website called SourceofKaos, which is operated by the touch of a button which in Access Orlando and posts sev- this case meant replicating eral pages that discuss computer viruses. In a further twist, the user name appears to have American OnLine user in

Washington state. The source of the virus was traced by tracking a serial num-

it automatically created 50 new of a medical pain killer. virus spread through the use of ports as being of "high-schoolof performing complex tasks at rogue e-mail messages

The FBI has refused to comment on progress in its invesbeen stolen from an innocent tigation, but the Cambridge software expert, Richard Smith of Phar Lap Software, has passed on several names in confidence that may lead to the ber embedded in Microsoft Of- arrest of a suspect. The virus

ish age" with a track record of writing rogue computer programs, faces a fine of up to \$250,000 and a jail sentence as

long as 10 years. The operator of SourceofKaos, Roger Sibert, has said he would do whatever he could to prevent the further spread of Melissa but refused to release VicodinES's e-mail address unless he receives a court order.

Melissa itself has largely

Nanny murder children to fly back to UK

TWO BRITISH children have been taken into state custody in the United States after their father was charged with the murder of their nanny.

Their mother, from Wiltshire, was last night arranging for the children to fly to England from Connecticut, where they lived with their father, David Taylor. Mr Taylor, 43, a British engineer, is in custody for the first-degree murder of Milena Pitkova, 22, from Slovakia. Ms Pitkova was killed on Tuesday by several blows to the head. There were also signs that she had been strangled.

Mr Taylor began a relation-ship with Ms Pitkova after divorcing his wife of 15 years, Susan Lemon. Ms Lemon, who now lives in Chippenham, was too distraught to talk about the murder but her partner. David Hollins, said the children, Adam, 14, and Hannah, 11, were being cared for by US social services and would be returning to England soon. "We spent all yesterday contacting the necessary people and making plans. The children are safe and will return home as soon as possible," he said.

Police in the Long Island Sound town of Madison, where Mr Taylor lived with the children and Ms Pitkova, said they were phoned early on Tuesday by a man who said he had just killed someone. Mr Taylor was subsequently arrested Bail has been set at \$100,000. Local newspaper reports

said that Mr Taylor struck Ms Pitkova during an argument, after she wanted to end the relationship. The couple had been living in the US for the past

By Cathy Mayer

A spokeswoman for the state medical examiner's office said that the autopsy showed Ms Pitkova's skull had been crushed and cut in three places.

The Foreign Office said it was in contact with Mr Taylor and his family, and was co-operating with the US authorities.

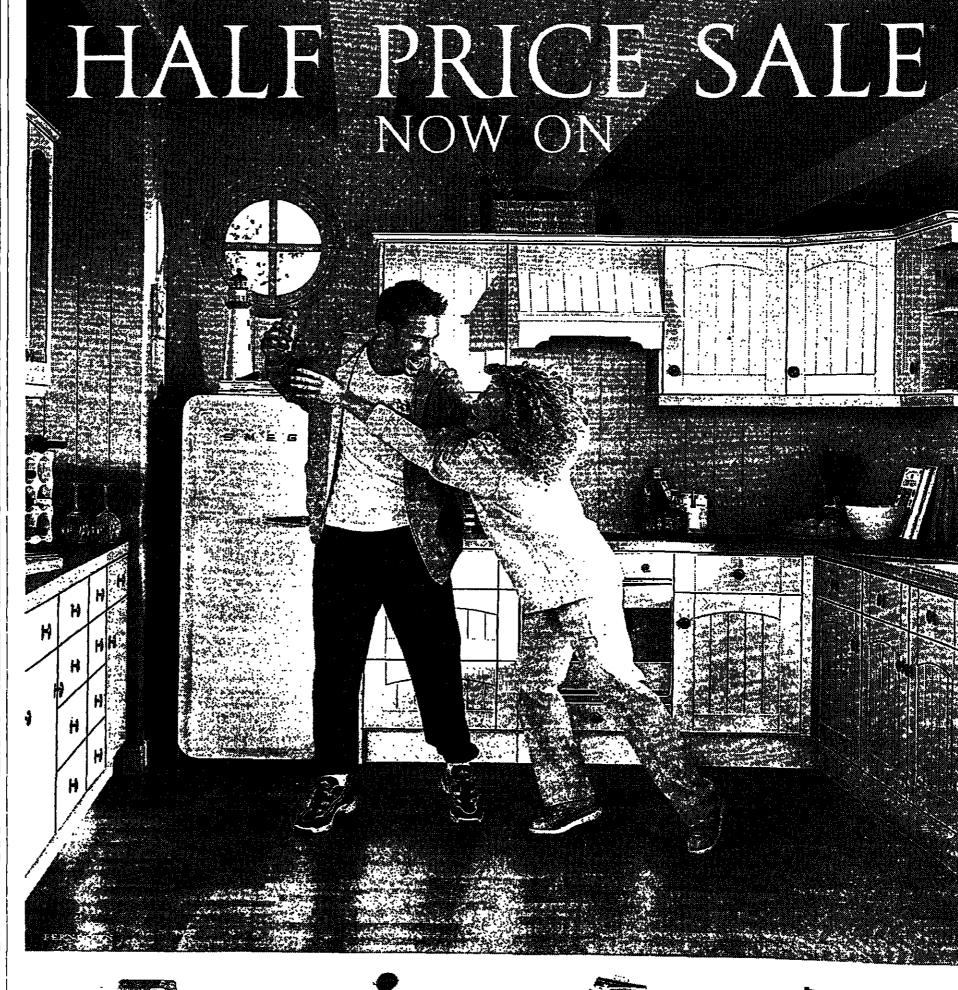
Paul Wallace, managing director of Thermapool Europe, whose US parent company employed Mr Taylor, said: "It's certainly not something we would expect him to be accused of and it's not something we would have thought would have happened."

A company spokesman added: "We were concerned that the children were being looked after. We were told they were being looked after by an employee and we thought that this situation was satisfactory. Mr Taylor's neighbours de-

scribed him as "a very proper Englishman". Mark Smith said Ms Pitkova "was beautiful, striking, like the image of Pocahontas in the Disney movie". Staa closed the coffee shop

where she worked part-time as a waitress in remembrance yesterday. A colleague, Holly Magee, said Ms Pitkova was devoted to the children. "She loved the children and they loved her," she said.

The Connecticut Department of Children and Families confirmed the two children were in state care vesterday. John Wiltse, director of public affairs, said the department was in contact with Ms Lemon about her children's welfare. "We will be putting a plan together for their future.











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Indian babies sold to West for adoption

THE DETACHED house in a BY JASON BURKE rich suburb of the steamy south-eastern Indian city of Hyderahad appeared anything but extraordinary. But, if the police are correct, the neat home on East Maradpully street is the headquarters of a gang that has made thousands of pounds buying children from the poor and selling them in the West for adoption.

.. In the past five days, severat people allegedly involved in the racket have been arrested. The head of the gang, according to police sources, is Sankala-Peter Subbaiah, who ran the Good Samaritan Evangelical and Social Welfare Association, the adoption charity under investigation.

Subbaiah was arrested in a city hotel on Sunday, having evaded police when they raided the suburban house late

Upstairs in the house, police found a dozen nurses tending 56 babies, some only a month old, and all under a year in age. Fifty-two were girls.

In a statement in the Andhra Pradesh state assembly, Madhava Reddy, the home minister, said early investigations had revealed Subbaiah's association was running a sophisticated operation selling the babies for adoption to childless couples in the West. The babies were bought from poor local people by hired go-betweens known as social workers".

Mr Reddy said the "social

workers" combed rural areas and poorer parts of Hyderabad to persuade families to sell their children for as little as 2,000 rupees (£30) each.

He claimed that Subaiah

and his accomplices then paid the go-betweens a commission of Rs20,000 (£300) per child, lodged them in the crèche pending the completion of emigration and adoption formalities and then finally sold them overseas at prices ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000 (£1,200 to 1,800).

The number of children sent overseas by the Good Samaritan Evangelical and Social Welfare Association is unknown. Police say, however, that records they have seized show Subbaiah had arranged for the overseas adoption of 32 children since January 1998 and that his close colleague, Sanjiva Rao, had dispatched a further nine children in the past six months.

Police believe the total number of children sold for adoption is more than 200. Most have gone to the United States, aithough dozens are currently in Western European countries, including Denmark, Germany. the Netherlands and France, the sources said.

So far, there is no evidence that any have reached Britain. According to police, the racket was discovered after a

process of buying a baby in a village in the rural district of Nalgonda, high on a wooded plateau 60 miles east of Hy-

Through that suspect, they traced Margaret Sanyogitha a key associate of Subbaiah now ander arrest - who led them to the creche in the East Maradpully street house. Efforts are also under way to

trace the parents of the 56-babies found in the police raids. Most of the children come from families of "untouchables" those at the bottom of India's caste hierarchy - living in poverty in the villages surrounding Hyderabad.

There have been other reports in recent months of parents in India who are so poor they are prepared to sell their children. In the poor state of Bihar, agricultural workers were recently said to be selling their children to local Buddhist monks who used them as domestic servants.

Subbaiah, 49, denies all of the charges against him and says he is the victim of a politically motivated smear

He claims he is funded by a variety of Western charities, including Oxfam. He said Oxfam gave him Rs800,000 (£13,000) between 1997-98 to fund childcare programmes.

A spokesman at the Oxfam office in Hyderabad said the charity had no record of any such transaction and had no woman was arrested in the link with Subbaiah.



Wan Azizah (left), wife of Apwar Ibrahim, with her daughter Nural Izzah. Azizah is launching a new opposition party

Smeared' Anwar awaits his fate

THE TRIAL of Anwar Ibrahim ended yesterday, amid general expectations that the Malaysian opposition leader will be convicted of corruption and sent to prison.

At the end of five months of frequently sensational testimony, there is a feeling, even among Mr Anwar's supporters. that the decision of Justice Augustine Paul in the Kuala

BY RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

Lumpur High Court is a foregone conclusion.

"Sir Thomas More, though executed, became a legend and lives on," Gurbachan Singh, one of Mr Anwar's defence lawyers, warned in a written submission. "Needless to say, those who gave perjured evidence against Sir Thomas

More were all tried for perjury, found guilty and executed within five years."

Mr Anwar may not face beheading, but the the sentence of two to four years, which he has said he expects to receive, will eliminate him from any role in Malaysian politics in the medium term. Apparently anticipating this, his wife, Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, announced

that she will form a new opposition party this weekend as part of an ongoing political

Mr Anwar, Malaysia's Finance Minister and the second most powerful man in the country, was arrested last September after being abruptly sacked by the Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad. Dr Mahathir said he acted after being shown evidence that his deputy was a promiscuous homosexual.

Mr Anwar claims that he is the victim of a smear campaign and conspiracy orchestrated by Dr Mahathir, who feared his popularity and the challenge the vounger man posed to the national leadership. "I'm realistic enough to accept the eventuality." Mr Anwar told reporters in the court yesterday. He could appeal if convicted.

been expressed in the application to disqualify the judge, which was dismissed without going into the merit of the application."

Judge Augustine last week rejected Mr Anwar's request that the judge, who joined the High Court bench last year, disqualify himself from the case on the ground that he was

The judge had also earlier re-

buked a defence lawyer for his combative style. "You must respect the chair even if you don't like the man sitting on the bench," he said.

In the days before his arrest, Mr Anwar addressed railies of tens of thousands of supporters and there were violent encounters between demostrators and police in the weeks after his arrest.

Six of the original ten charges were dropped after a series of startling gaffes by prosecution witnesses, including the chief of the Malaysian CID who admitted that he would lie under oath if ordered to do so by a superior. Earlier this year, the former head of the police force admitted personally beating up the handcuffed and blindfolded Mr Anwar shortly after his arrest.

The remaining four charges late to allegations that Anwar asked police to suppress witnesses to his sexual misconduct. Each of the corruption counts carries a maximum penalty of 14 years in jail and a \$5,000 (£3,000) fine.

The judge announced vesterday that he would not be able to deliver his verdict next week, as had been expected, and the court would now reconvene to hear Mr Anwar's fate on

US refuses Taiwan's toxic waste ship

FORMOSA PLASTICS Corp. By Angus Chuang the Taiwan petrochemical giant, said yesterday it was taking back mercury-laced industrial waste that was dumped in Cambodia late last year, but insisted it would be

sent overseas. Lee Chih-tsun, president of Formosa, said the waste would be temporarily returned to Taiwan, where it originated. but would not even pass the island's customs.

After plans to ship the waste to the United States fell through. Mr Lee said yesterday, We have no intention to keep the stuff here [in Taiwan]. "We want to ship it to an advanced

country, preferably the US." Formosa had arranged for Safety-Kleen Corp. a US contractor, to send the waste for disposal in a dump at in Taipei

Westmorland in southern California. Mr Lee said the plan fell through after environmentalists persuaded the US Environmental Protection Agency to revoke a dumping permit for the 5,000 tonnes of waste.

Mok Mareth, the Cambodian environment minister, said, "All I want is for the waste to be shipped out of Cambodia." Several people died in riots after the waste was discovered in December near the Cambodian port of Sihanoukville.

The Cambodian firm that brought the waste from Taiwan is alleged to have colluded with local officials to allow the import. Several officials have been arrested. Formosa has denied any wrongdoing. (Reuters)

IN BRIEF

Mayor indicted for opera fire .

THE MAYOR of Venice was among 10 people indicted vesterday for negligence in the fire that destroyed the Venetian opera house, La Fenice, in 1996. Massimo Cacciari was investigated because, as mayor, he is head of the opera organisation. A court date was set for 31 May. Two electricians were accused of arson.

Eleven die in sectarian dispute

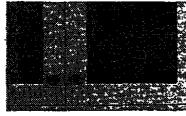
AT LEAST 11 people were shot dead or hacked to death in fighting between Christians and Muslims yesterday in Indonesia's remote eastern Kai islands, taking the death toll to 13 in two days. Some of the victims were shot by police and soldiers trying to stop the fighting.

Second quake kills man in India

AN EARTHQUAKE killed one man and injured several people yesterday in India's Himalayan foothills, the site of a powerful tremor and aftershocks that killed more than 100 people earlier this week, Press Trust of India said. The 55year-old man was killed when his house collapsed.

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A SERIAL killer who murdered 52 men, women and children was sentenced to death yesterday, ending a harrowing five month trial.

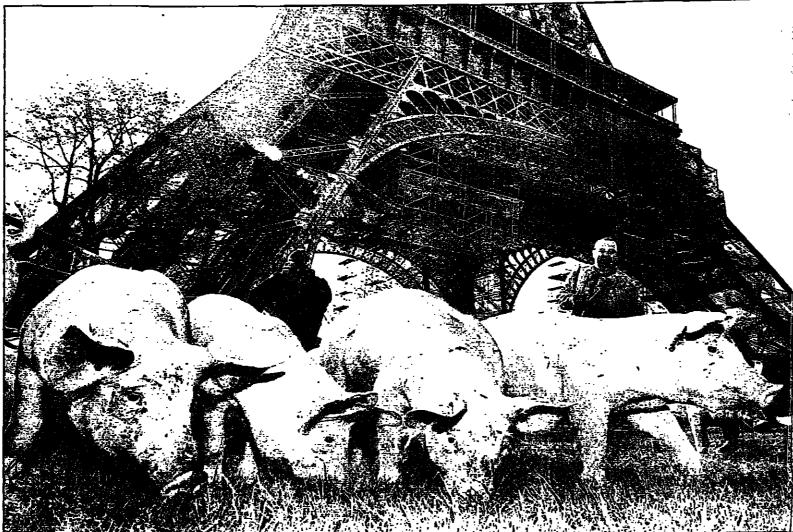
Anatoly Onoprienko, 39, a shy and quietly spoken exsailor who was nicknamed "the Terminator", greeted the sentence impassively from the iron cage in which he was held. He cialms to be unafraid of death: "I've been close to death so many times that it's even interesting for me now to venture into the afterworld," he said in a recent interview.

Whether he will now be executed is unclear, as Ukraine has imposed a moratorium on capital punishment, and is committed to scrapping it. To go ahead with the sentence - a bullet in the back of the head is the Ukrainian method - would require a special parliamentary

Onoprienko killed 43 people in less than six months, terrorising rural Ukraine. Travelling by train, he used a sawn-off rifle. knives and axes to slaughter whole families, setting fire to their homes and bludgeoning to death passers-by. Among his victims were 10 children.

The terror ended when he was arrested in Yavoriv, a small town in western Ukraine, on Easter Day 1996, after a hunt that involved 2,000 police, thousands of national guards and more than 3,000 troops, some with armoured vehicles

He clearly perplexed investigators. "On the one hand, he is a completely normal, intelligent and eloquent, obviously educated a man who thinks before he says anything," said one, shortly after his capture. "But when he talks about the reasons for the killings, he completely loses his resemblance to a rational person."



Piglets grazing in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower yesterday. French farmers let loose dozens of the animals in a demonstration designed to draw attention to the slump in pork prices over the past year, which has forced many pork producers out of business Philippe Wojazer/Reuters

French girls smoke more than boys

FOR ONCE, here is a social survey you can confirm with your own eyes. French teenage girls are taking up smoking in larger numbers than ever before, to the point where more girls aged 12 to 17 smoke than do their brothers or boyfriends.

Almost one in three 15-yearold French girls smokes cigarettes, according to the new survey. Anyone who passes a lucée or college can vouch

for the accuracy of the report. Smoking is banned in class but many schools have given up enforcing the rule in the play-

ground or outside. "It's hard enough to stop them in the classrooms," said the deputy head of a lycée in the eastern suburbs of Paris. "If we tried to enforce the rule outside, we would have a riot on our hands." A similar trend has been

tries, including Britain, but the tendency seems to be especially pronounced in France. Sociologists and health

workers say it seems to be

seen in most European coun-Lucette Barthelemy, bead

dence and willingness to challenge authority on the part of young French women.

The attraction to tobacco is surprising and depressing, given the publicity on the dangers of smoking and the apparent obsession of young women with their health and

of a health education college in Lorraine, says this paradox is rooted in the teenage psyche. "All our advice is based on health considerations. Don't

part of a new spirit of indepen-drink, don't smoke, don't take among teenage girls in the drugs ... But adolescents look at things differently and they hate to be told what not to do. They don't want to be in good health so much as to feel good about themselves," she said.

Other health experts say the trend to smoking among young women is also linked to the fact that French girls are less interested in sport than boys. Among both boys and girls, smoking is concentrated more densely among those who play

Smoking is most common

poorer suburbs, where it is almost universal. But it is also increasingly popular among wealthier teenagers.

We are facing an explosion of smoking-related illnesses in years to come," said Gilles Bruckner, vice-president of the High Committee on Public Health, "Women are more at risk from smoking than men." He said this was obviously so during pregnancy but there was also evidence of adverse effects from combining nicotine and the contraceptive pill.

Victims of Nazis in mass law suit

POLISH HOLOCAUST SUF- BY IMRE KARACS 78, launched almost 22,000 lawsuits yesterday seeking compensation from the German government.

The 21,826 concentration camp survivors are the latest group from eastern Europe who have yet to receive compensation on the scale given to Holocaust survivors living in

Because Germany does not recognise class action suits, each survivor must petition individually. They are demanding DM1,800 (£629) for every month spent in a concentration camp, and further payments for the physical suffering endured. Some spent only a few months in camps. others up to four years. The total claim amounts to nearly

We are calling upon the judiciary to take an initiative and do whatever is possible under the law," said their lawver, Dieter Wissgott, as he handed over all the documents to the court in Bonn. Germany has paid out more than DM100bn to victims of Nazism. but many living in eastern Europe were given nothing, and

their legal situation is hazy. Even more complex is the plight of hundreds of thousands of people from the occupied countries who were kept in conditions of slavery by German firms. Attempts to extract payment under German law have faltered, so survivors are switching their attacks to

courts in the US where class... action suits are allowed. Their cause received a boost in San Francisco, where survivors, Jewish groups and Gray Davis, the Governor of California. joined forces in a suit against six major firms. The companies are Lufthansa, Deutsche Bank Dresdner Bank and the conglomerate Viag, as well as the American firms General Motors and Ford, which had operations in Germany during the Second World War.

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The real goal here is to try to get a few dollars into the hands of some elderly people . and to do it fast while it can still make a difference in their lifetime," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, which is backing the lawsuit. German banks and companies, accused of profiting from the use of forced labourers during the Nazi regime, have come under increasing pressure since a \$1.25 billion (£790m) settlement last year between Swiss banks and Holocaust victims. More than a dozen German companies have agreed to set up a fund to compensate their wartime slaves, but negotiations are going slowly.

Patience is ebbing. "This is not something that will only be decided between governments or on the federal level." Rabbi Cooper warned. "Americans have other unique human rights tools at their disposal."

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Launched into literary heaven

I'VE BECOME addicted to the book launch. It's an art form where the people of Madrid display their best qualities: their flash metropolitan verve and their provincial intimacy, their love for grand ideas and their fluent informality

. The purpose seems not, primarily, to sell the book. Single copies on show are whisked away as you disperse. Neither is it necessarily a chance for authors to read from their oeuvre.

What, then, is the point? Well, venue is crucial. It signals, broadly, whether you are with the establishment or against it. The author invites some famous friends to praise him or her in off-the-cuff remarks that combine the cringing chumminess of a best man's speech with the wacky erudition of an Oxbridge tutorial. You get a rambling, frequently hilarious, illumination of something you perhaps thought you knew about.

My local bookstore offers glasses of fizz to anyone wandering in for Sunday papers before lunchtime. It works every time. A few slurps and I'm lingering over the fat coffee table volumes celebrating the 400th anniversary of the artist Velazquez. Jostled by crowds, I realise I'm in the midst of an eloquent reminis**EUROPEAN TIMES**



Jose Saramago and Gabriel Garcia Marquez Reuters

cence by a columnist I read every week about his golden childhood in Andalusia

cious art books, and later telephone a publisher to request a review copy of a more modcome to the presentacion." I arrive late and it's packed, as always. Three former directors of the Prado museum are engaged in a lively discussion of whether Velazquez's portrayal of Vulcan and Bacchus among mortal blacksmiths and drunkards meant he was mocking the gods, or painting real people for the first time in European art.

I tear myself from the lus-

est work. "Certainly, and do I hissed back. "Ocupado, ocuwere pondering whether the master's work marked a revolutionary rupture, or was merely innovative.

have been having a fireside chat, so unselfconscious were they. I spotted an empty chair at the front and plonked myself down. "It's occupied." hissed a miserable old git next to me. "There's no one here." pado," he insisted. "If anyone comes I'll move," I rasped, scribbling in my notebook just metres from the nostrils of these eminent historians, who

Discussion opened to the floor. This is a precious moment, when the inarticulate. of a good book. The three scholars could the starstruck and those just

plain bonkers have their say. A thin man with grey locks, his feet crunched up on his chair who had been sketching on an envelope throughout, asks an incomprehensible question about technique. The platform responds with the grave tol erance that Spaniards accord

to genuine eccentrics. One recent lit-fest promised to blow up into an intercontinental scandal. The Nobel prizewinners Jose Saramago and Gabriel Garcia Marquez introduce a three-day celebration of Ibero-American writing. The baroque Casa de America was packed to the frescos. A flurry on the top table. Garcia Marquez won't speak, never promised to, you'll have to wait for the closing session. Uproar chanting: "We want Gabo."

Front-page headlines next morning. The day arrives. Gabo, correcting his notes to the last moment, speaks. But he's not making a speech, he's reading a story: a woman makes her annual visit to a mildly sleazy Caribbean island to lay flowers on her mother's grave, and has a little amorous adventure.

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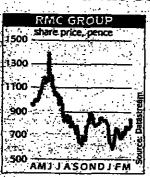
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BRIEFING

Rouble falls to three-year low

THE RUSSIAN rouble fell to a three-year low of 24.29 to the dollar in official trade yesterday as the central bank chairman Viktor Geraschenko revealed that foreign currency reserves had fallen by nearly \$1hn in March to stand at around \$10.6bn. Gold is thought to account for about \$5bn of that sum. Following Monday's framework deal with the IMF, Russia wants any new IMF loans to be transferred directly to central bank reserves. Depletion of the reserves is raising fears that the rouble will fall sharply or that Russia might default on its debt.

RMC confirms Scancem talks



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materials group, yesterday confirmed that it had held informal talks on the takeover of Scancem, the Scandinavian construction giant. However, the UK company said that it had not decided whether to table an offer for all or parts of Scancem, which is being sold by its two owners, the Swedish construction group

Initial offers for Scancem, which owns Castle Cement, the UK's second-largest cement maker, are set to be tabled over the weekend, with the Irish group CRH and the French group Lafarge seen as

Barclay brothers in property move

THE SECRETIVE Barclay brothers are to spend £50m to back a property venture owned by Moorfield Estates, a small developer run by two former City analysts. The millionaire siblings are understood to be close to buying a large stake in a company set up by Moorfield to manage 2392m worth of office, retail and industrial properties bought from the insurer Royal & SunAlliance last month. Moorfield, run by the former analysts Marc Gilbrand and Graham Stanley, declined to comment.

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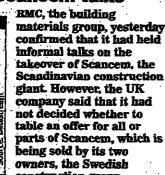
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Share prices catch holiday spirit as economy perks up

FRESH SIGNS that the economy is improving after a sluggish winter brought the holiday spirit to share prices yesterday. The FTSE 100 index surged to a new record of 6,399.1 during the day, although it ended up just 34.7 points at 6.330.

There was also an upbeat start on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones index 54 points higher at 9,840 during morning trading. It too fell back later.

New surveys suggested high street sales had picked up in March, while the decline in manufacturing output was easduring the month for the first time since October 1997. Even better, analysts concluded that the survey evidence was not strong enough to prevent the Bank of England from cutting interest rates, either when its monetary committee meets next week or in May.

ly alter the case for lower rates," said Ken Wattret of Paribas. The monthly survey of purchasing managers in manufac-

turing showed activity in decline

"This does not fundamental-

Economics Editor

for the 12th successive month. But for the fifth time running the ting jobs at a faster pace than

index climbed from 45.9 to 47.2. closer to the watershed of 50. Even more encouraging. there was a small increase in export orders although total orders declined once again. The

puts a question mark over future export orders, however. Manufacturers are also cut-

ever. The employment index pace of decline had slowed. The dropped to 44.7 from 45.8. Peter Thomson, the director general of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, said: "Despite the continued

upturn in the manufacturing sector." Analysts agreed that manufacturing output was probably stabilising. Hopes were boosted by a surge in the US purchasing managers survey from 52.4 to 54.3, defying expectations of an industrial slowdown

There were also improvedecline in overall activity, there ments in similar surveys for its survey - which is, however,

key export markets for UK retail sales figures. manufacturers were in decline at the end of last year

Separately, the Confederation of British Industry reported a recovery in retail sales volumes to their highest level since last September. This followed a subdued five months on the high street, according to

changes made between the

pre-Budget report in Novem-

The MPs called for an

ber and the March Budget,

assessment of the distribu-

across the Atlantic.

recent appreciation of the pound are further positive signs of an Germany and Italy. Both of these an uncertain guide to official

"The trend of solid but not spectacular retail sales growth continues," said Dharshini David of HSBC Markets.

The balance of retailers reporting higher sales volumes over those reporting a fall increased to 14 per cent from 2 per cent in February and minus 9 per cent in January.

But Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said there was littie underlying growth. "A further cut in interest rates should be made next week," he said. it was not possible to track

Next week will bring additional evidence that could sway the decision of the Monetary Policy Committee on Thursday. This includes the official industrial production figures for February, expected to show another drop in manufacturing output.

Since the last meeting, GDP for the final quarter has been revised down, and official statistics showed a small rise in unemployment and decline in retail

Ashcroft

in £282m

Corporate

By Francesco Guerrera

MICHAEL ASHCROFT, the con-

troversial deal-maker and Con-

servative Party treasurer, made

a spectacular return to the City

scene yesterday with an auda-

cious bid of up to £282m for the

crisis-ridden recruitment group

However, Mr Ashcroft's at-

tempt to win control of CS suf-

fered a major blow after three

major shareholders opposed

the bid and pledged to press

ahead with plans to remove

most of the company's board.

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which own a total 31.5 per cent but could control up to 50 per

cent of CS, are believed to have

rejected the bid, which is con-

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ing, Indeed, export orders rose LAST MONTH'S Budget did attacked the obscurity of the committee said. It added that cut taxes, according to a re-Budget documents. It said a port yesterday from an influleaflet on the Budget to be ential House of Commons sent out to all households in

committee, writes Diane Coyle. But, in a judgement of Solomon on the subsequent tax row, it concluded the tax burden is nevertheless rising

nounced measures. This should give the Bank of England leeway to cut interest rates, it said. The Treasury Committee

because of previously an-

Yesterday's report criticised Mr Brown for not making the figures clearer. The basic arithmetic of the Budget "should be set out clearly in a

user-friendly format," the

its impartiality".

changes in accounting conventions were acceptable but said: "The difference between the old and new systems Britain must be prepared with help from an independent should have been spelt out in body such as the National the interests of trans-Audit Office or Institute of Fiscal Studies to "guarantee The MPs recommended

MPs attack Brown's Budget arithmetic

that in future the Treasury should give full details of the impact of successive Budgets. and should also present the tax and spending figures on a consistent basis over time.

They criticised the fact that

tional impact of the Budget to be provided by the Treasury on Budget Day, rather than leaving it to answers to

questions. Francis Maude, shadow Chancellor, pounced on the criticisms. "This is a damning

report," he said.

subsequent Parliamentary

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BP cuts **2,000 jobs** in \$26.8bn takeover of Arco

BY ANDREW VERITY

BP AMOCO, the British oil giant. is to shed 2,000 jobs worldwide and dispose of \$3bn worth of assets following yesterday's \$26.8bn (£16.5bn) takeover of Atlantic Richfield of the US. The takeover, BP Amoco's

second major deal in eight months, will yield cost savings of \$1bn (£600m). Around 200 of the job losses will fall at Arco's UK headquarters in Guildford, Surrey. But BP Amoco will also be forced to write-off \$20bn in goodwill and pay stamp duty of \$400m on the deal following rule changes rushed in by the Inland Revenue after the \$55bn takeover of Amoco last year.

The takeover will make BP Amoco the biggest oil producer in the world outside Opec, and the second biggest oil major in the world by value after Exxon-Mobil with a market capitalisation of \$190bn (£117bn). The group will also be the largest oil producer and refiner in the US.

Sir John Browne, the chief executive, said: "Scale carries some advantages but it also carries disadvantages and size it not the motivating factor be- ration acreage, leaving it with



hind this move. We are aware that we will have to counter some of the negative elements that go with size."

The \$3bn of asset sales have already started with the sale yesterday of 137 petrol retail outlets in the US to Tosco. the petrol retailer. But the biggest disposals will fall in Alaska. where competition authorities will demand the combined group sells over a third of its explo-

500,000 acres. Pipelines and terminals are also likely to be sold. Mr Browne said: "We want to

make it very clear that this is a pro-competitive deal - it is not an anticompetitive move. In our downstream operations there is no overlap between the companies. There isn't even one petrol station that overlaps," he said.

The entire board of Arco will resign and will not be employed by BP Amoco. Mike Bowlin, chairman and the only executive

member of the board, is expected to receive a multi-million dollar payoff in addition to the

S4m reward package in place. Mr Browne said he was approached by Mr Bowlin in early January: "They asked if we would like to look at effectively buying their company," he said.

In September, Mr Bowlin had warned all of his staff they would have to tighten their belts to preserve their independence because of the depressed oil price.

He set in train \$500m of cost cuts. The all-share takeover, which is expected to be earnings enhancing as long as the oil price stays over \$11 a barrel, offers 0.82 BP Amoco ADRs for every Arco share. The new group will keep the BP Amoco name. Mr Browne said the company hoped to complete the merger by the end of the year. Integration between BP and Amoco was nearing completion, he said.

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holders to take no action and said it would meet Mr Ashcroft

next week to discuss the offer. The recruitment company's

share price has collapsed from a 12-month high of 261p after two profit warnings last month. It closed 21p higher at 94.5p yesterday, boosted by the bid. Mr Ashcroft, a Florida-based

tax exile, used an intricate web of offshore companies and complex financial engineering to mount the cash-and-paper offer. The Conservative fund-

raiser, who made £150m from the sale of his security and car group ADT to the US group Tyco two years ago, mounted the offer through New Carlisle. a newly created company to be listed on London's Alternative Investment Market.

New Carlisle's bid is pitched at between 87.7p and 120p for each CS share, valuing the whole group at between £206m and \$282m. The final value of the offer will be determined after an £20m rights issue by New Carlisle. Outlook, page 21

C&W sues MCI over Internet purchase

tions to break into the fastgrowing market for Internet traffic were thrown into doubt yesterday as the telecom group filed a lawsuit against MCI Worldcom, the US telecom giant which sold part of its Internet business to C&W last year, for failing to fulfil the terms of the deal.

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C&W, which is seeking unspecified damages, has argued that, among other things, MCI Worldcom failed properly to transfer its Internet customer base to C&W, impeded its abilBY PETER THAL LARSEN

ity to run the business, and attempted to poach former customers.

The news knocked C&W's shares 22p to 752p yesterday, as investors fretted that the company was struggling to keep up with the fast-growing Internet market in the United States.

When C&W bought MCTs internet business for \$1.7bn last year, the deal was hailed by Dick Brown, then C&W's chief executive, as a "huge leap" for the company. Last month his

replacement. Graham Wallace. pinned the company's future on the growth of Internet-based traffic after putting One 2 One. the mobile phone operator, up

The lawsuit, which was filed with a Delaware court on Wednesday evening, reveals that growth in the business has fallen sharply since MCI World com handed over control.

According to the document. growth has fallen "far below" the rates of between 50 and 100 per cent a year that the business previously enjoyed, and is now

growing less fast than the overall Internet market. C&W claims it signed up an

average of 84 new customers per month between October and December, compared with an average of 242 per month in the eight months before the C&W also complains that

hundreds of customers have cancelled their service or raised disputes about the service, at a cost of tens of millions of dollars, while the company has been too busy hiring staff which MCI Worldcom failed to

supply to develop new products and services. MCI was forced to sell the In-

ternet business by regulators following its merger with Worldcom in 1997. Although MCI originally planned to sell only its Internet backbone - the physical infrastructure which carries the traffic - it was subsequently also told to transfer its customer base of large corporate users. As part of the deal with C&W, MCI Worldcom agreed not to approach any of its former customers for two years.

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AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON BLUE CHIPS hit a trading high but best levels were not held. After Footsie had surged 103 points to a 6,399.1 trading peak the gains were gradually whittled down and by the close the index was up 34.7 at 6,330, below its previous closing high.

Trading was heavy on hopes of lower interest rates and expectations of more corporate action. PEP buying was another influence. Zeneca, ahead of the completion of its merger with Astra of Sweden, hit a new high. Derek Pain, page 23

NEW YORK

THE DOW JONES index was 16.93 higher at noon, after an erratic morning, but trading was subdued. More merger news helped

shares move higher initially but the National Association of Purchasing Managers' March index leaped to 54.3, signally increased inflationary pressures and undermining bonds and shares. The BP Amoco offer edged Arco 1/8 higher. Yahoo! and Broadcast.com both gained sharply after Yahoo's \$5.7bn offer.

TOKYO

JAPANESE SHARES rose strongly on the first day of the 1999,2000 business year after figures showed a record influx of foreign investment during March. prompting Japanese investors to put money into the market. The Nikkei 225 share index rose 3.10 per cent to 16,327,56

Mitsubishi Electric gained almost 10 per cent in response to its restructuring plans. Honda shares touched a record 5,640 before closing 3.55 per cent up at 5.540 yen.

FRANKFURT

SHARES OPENED lower in Frankfurt in line with the overnight falls on Wall Street. and trading was subdued ahead of the Easter holiday. But a late rally inspired by merger talk on Wall Street reversed early losses and pushed the Xetra Dax index up 0.75 per cent to 4,901.81 at the

Shares in Mannesman jumped by 6 per cent after a strong buy recommendation from Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

MILAN

SHARES IN Telecom Italia and Olivetti fell sharply, as investors concluded that Telecom Italia will win shareholder approval for measures to block the Olivetti offer.

Telecom Italia closed down 4.27 per cent at 9.42 euros and Olivetti ended 3.79 per cent weaker at 2.79 euros, pushing the Milan share index lower to close 167 down at 24,835 ahead of the Easter holiday. Sanpaolo and Banca di Roma

both eased, anticipating a rejection of the former's bid.

Here's hoping there's no nasty surprises in store

break gives a pause for thought. about share prices. We are engaged in a European war The economic indicators for Britain are still fairly weak. The recovery in continental Europe remains patchy. Elsewhere in the world the East Asian economies remain at best fragile. Only the US continues to bound on. Yet share prices on Maundy Thursday were trading at record levels. From the perspective of the financial markets all must be well.

No, not just well - wonderful. In as far as markets can say anything, for they represent, of course, the collective thoughts of a multitude of investors, all with differing views, they are saying something like this. The outlook for both the British economy and the world economy - remember more than half the profits of the Footsie 100 companies come from sales outside Britain – is better than it has been at any stage for at least a generation.

It is not just that share prices are at a record, for you would, of course, expect share prices to rise as the economy grows. The valuations on shares are also at record levels. You can see this in the graphs, which show the value the all-share index has put on stocks since 1963. The price/earnings ratio of nearly 24 compares with an average of 13.7 since 1963 and with a peak of 23 in the 1960s. If you take the dividend yield, the market is now 2.4 per cent, compared with an average of 4.7 per cent and previous troughs at 3 per cent.

The valuations, therefore, are way out of line with the average over the past 35 or so years. How might you justify them? The period that best combines the present experience of low inflation and reasonable growth was the 1960s. The ABN-Amro team which produced these graphs argues that the price/earnings ratio now is similar to - though rather above - the 1960s level. These are historic levels.



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Prices are a bit high but given a decent summer and autumn, they should be okay

comparing share prices with the earnings out-turn. If you take instead prospective p/e ratios, where prices are compared with the expected earnings, the present ratios are around 20. The team reckons that the prospective p/e that can be sustained in the long-term is

The sustainable dividend yield is put at 3.5 per cent. So until earnings come up a bit as they may in the second half of this year - share prices do look on the high side, but they don't look absurdly high if economic prospects are indeed as good or better than they were in the 1960s.

valuing shares than the rather old-fashioned p/e ratios and dividend yields. You can for ex- be the long-awaited recovery in ample look at the relationship with bonds and with indexlinked gilts. The ABN-Amro team has brought these together into a composite valuation. Its conclusion? That prices are on the high side by the extreme level they were at last summer.

That would certainly seem a good common sense conclu- occur. sion. Provided the economy and earnings recover in the second half of this year you can still be reasonably optimistic about the market in the coming

So let's accept this as the base position: prices are a bit too high but given a decent summer and autumn they should still be okay. Now let's ask what the surprises might be, starting with the pleasant ones.

SURPRISE number one would be a stronger-than-expected UK recovery in the autumn. To get that you would need rather more confident consumers than we have at present, plus almost certainly a weaker sterling against the euro to boost exports. You would also need sustained demand in the big three Continental markets, particularly in the biggest, Ger-

HOW EXPENSIVE ARE SHARES?

Surprise number three would Japan. The whole of the region, and China in particular is desperate to see Japanese growth. Question: does the good first quarter performance of the Tokyo stock market, which was up 10.6 per cent in dollar historical standards but not at terms, signal the start of a sustained economic recovery? Probably not yet, so it would be a pleasant surprise were it to

> Finally, surprise number four would be a continuation of solid US growth but growth associated with a narrowing current account gap rather than a soaring one. Up to now the surprises have been the extraordinary strength of US demand. But the trade imbalances, particularly with Japan and China, are stretching limits of the sustainable. What is needed is sustainable growth, relying not quite so much on the domestic consumer and helped by rising

Now the negative surprises. These are really the mirrorimage of the list above. First would come a disappointing UK growth performance this year, still possible but maybe looking a little less likely than it was a month ago. Maybe the relatively optimistic Treasury forecast will turn out right after all.

Trailing dividend yield

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ure of the German economy to stage much of a recovery this year - if the first quarter turns out to be negative the country will have experienced a technical recession. Everyone could live with that provided they could see better times ahead. What they, or rather the markets, would find harder to stomach would be a flat summer and autumn. Germany has grown some of its own problems under the new government, but it is particularly vulnerable to trouble in eastern and central Europe. If Germany fails to recover. France and particularly Italy will have a very difficult autumn.

Problem number three would be a continued downward spiral in Japan, not so much for what that does to Japan itself (though that would be very unpleasant for the Japanese people) but more for what it would do to the tragile recovery now starting in the region. The Japanese influence goes far beyond trading relaions, for Japan has extensive investment in local plants, many of which are running far below capacity - it needs an increase in domestic demand to crank up these factories, and hence the local economies.

And finally the US. The single biggest question is not so much the external imbalance. but the extent to which domestic demand has been sustained by the soaring stock market. When Wall Street dips, expect a dip elsewhere. But watch more for the impact on the US economy. The question no-one can know is the extent to which the long boom has been sustained by high share prices - much higher in relative terms than those here.

When valuations are a bit stretched, as they are now, they are obviously more vulnerable to disappointments than they are likely to be affected by the pleasant surprises. Indeed they need the pleasant surprises to support present values. Will they continue to get them?



The former chairman Sir Paul Nicholson (centre) with chief executive Peter

Swallow rejects revised offers for two breweries

THE ATTEMPTS by Sunder- By NIGEL COPE land-based Swallow Group to sell its two breweries descended to near farce yesterday when the company rejected two revised offers from the breweries management team.

Institutional investors said the stand-off now meant the group was even more vulnerable to a takeover. "It's all a bit of a mess." one said.

Swallow, formerly known as Vaux Group, has been negotiating for months to sell its breweries in Sunderland and Sheffield to a management team led by the brother of the former chairman, Sir Paul Nicholson.

The alternative to the prooosed £70m sale was almost certain closure, which would have led to the loss of 700 jobs

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and damage to the local reputation of the Nicholson family. which has run the business for generations.

Following the rejection of its original offer last week, the management, breweries' backed by the Alchemy venture capital group, tabled two revised offers yesterday.

The first would have seen it double the offer price if Swallow agreed to sell all the 660 tenanted pubs instead of the 350 previously proposed. The other offer involved a reduced offer price if combined with a shortened beer supply agreement. Swallow's chief executive Peter Catesby immediately re-

jected the new proposals as "in-adequate". He described the revised beer supply option as worse than the original offer," while the plan to involve all the pubs "was some £20m less than the value of the assets," he said.

Mr Catesby said the management buyout's plan was already £15m less than the value of the individual parts of the business. He concluded: "We do not propose to pursue further discussions with Alchemy and the MBO on this basis. We remain prepared to review any new proposals put to us."

Although there has been interest from Mansfield Brewery in the Sheffield site there have been no other offers for the Sunderland brewery. Swallow shares closed unchanged at 295p.

Yahoo! buys Internet broadcaster

YAHOO!, the Internet search engine provider, yesterday strengthened its grip on cyberspace with the acquisition of Broadcast.com, a broadcaster of video and audio programmes over the World Wide Web, for \$5.7bn in stock, writes Peter Thal Larsen.

The acquisition will allow Yahoo! to take advantage of the growing demand for audio and video broadcasting over the Internet, and the exponential it attempts to attract more users growth in such programming that is expected to occur as millions of computer users upgrade to high-speed Internet connections in coming years.

Broadcast.com beams everything from presidential speeches, to investor conference calls and lingerie catwalk fashion shows over the web. The deal is the second multi-billion dollar acquisition for Yahoo! this year as to its sites. In January it bought Geocities, which operates online communities, for \$4.6bn.

Meanwhile CBS, the television group, splashed out \$2.5bn on King World Productions, a TV production group whose programmes include "The Oprah Winfrey Show". The deal will bolster CBS's distribution and production businesses as it seeks to control more of the shows it airs.

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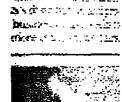
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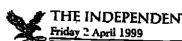


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Ashcroft lesson in acquiring by mirrors

WITH TWO botched profit warnings under its belt, the board of Corporate Services Group is clearly not up to much, which is why the three main shareholders have lost patience and requisitioned an emergency meeting to get rid of the chairman, commercial director and three non-execs.

But not even a board blessed with the wisdom of Job could be expected to get its mind around the takeover bid sprung yesterday by the Florida-based Michael Ashcroft who. among other things, also happens to be Tory party treasurer.

Here is a sample from the terms of the offer (appendix 3). "The Additional Cash Element will be calculated by Rea Brothers Limited for each Corporate Services share as the lower of 32.31p and the product of the following trounded down to two places of decimals);

Where: P is the aggregate of the proceeds of sale, less expenses, of all the Tyco shares transferred by Portland (converted into sterling, if appropriate) and any cash subscribed by Portland pursuant to the placing and N is the number of Corporate Services shares to which the Offer re-

Got that? Of course, the poor old souls at Corporate Services haven't which is why their advisers gamely responded vesterday by asking for a



OUTLOOK

meeting with Mr Ashcroft "in order to gain a better understanding of the consideration being offered and the terms of the offer".

Shareholders are, meanwhile, strongly urged to take no action. Too late. Schroders, MAM and M&G, who control 31.6 per cent of the shares, have already rejected the offer and are pressing ahead with their scheme to evict the board.

Even in its simplest form the Ashcroft offer is fiendishly difficult to understand, which is almost certainly deliberate. One Belize-registered company merges with another Guernsey-registered company and then raises money by issuing shares to another company (all three being controlled by Mr Ashcroft) which underwrites the share offering using the

level of rates. Corporate Services was falling in

value by the day until the Ashcroft bid however. Most of this year's growth popped up and even now it is hard to know what the business is worth. But it is easy to see why the three main shareholders are not keen on swopping their investment for shares in an offshore company controlled by a single shareholder who goes to such convoluted lengths to confuse his trail. One just wonders what William Hague makes of it all.

THE METAPHORICAL temperature

of the economy is rising with the ther-

mometer: Spring is opening shoppers'

wallets and even sending a glimmer

of sunlight through the dark clouds

lowering over manufacturing. In

short, the improvement in pundits'

level of optimism over recent weeks

suggests they were all suffering

from seasonal affective depression.

Now the days are getting longer, they

are flocking to upgrade their forecasts

for growth this year. This mood of

good cheer rests on the assumption

that the Bank of England will con-

tinue to make skillful use of the in-

terest rate throttle to achieve the soft

landing. This might or might not be

correct. After its big catch-up last au-

tumn, the MPC collectively probably

feels it is now pretty close to the right

Economy

Ashcroft stake in a fourth company.

We are in for another mood swing,

will take place after June. So far the economy has been pretty subdued and it will probably stay so for the next couple of months. There was next to no increase in national output in the final quarter of last year. In the first quarter of this year retail sales have been flat, industrial output has been flat to falling and unemployment has started to creep up. For all the improvement in the surveys published yesterday, both were less weak rather than significantly

stronger What's more, it is the weakness of the economy, not its gathering strength, that will prompt any further interest rate reductions. Weakness now is needed to generate the MPCdriven upturn economists are hoping for later.

Whether it will all wash out at zero growth in 1999 or 1 per cent or more still depends on events well outside the control of the Bank of England. however The pilots might look as though they are about to land safely in calm and sunny weather, but the world climate could yet inflict a

BP Amoco Arco

SIZE ISN'T everything, insisted the diminutive Sir John Browne yesterday as he duly unveiled the deal that

turns BP Amoco into the world's cent, perilously close to the limit at allegedly breached the terms of the biggest oil producer outside of Opec. But he will have to work harder than last time to persuade the world that BP Amoco Arco is about more than just aggrandisement.

The markets are already fretting that Sir John may have overpaid while the regulators will make him sell off a third of the group's combined acreage in Alaska to satisfy competition concerns.

As befits a deal of this size, there are some other big numbers floating around, including a \$400m tax charge and a \$20bn goodwill write-off. But the secret of goodwill accounting is to make the figure so big that the analysts look through it. In any case, it will more or less be paid for by the projected \$1bn of annualised savings.

Sir John is alive to the fact that scale carries with it disadvantages as well as advantages and he is tackling them head on Since BP Amoco does not have to pretend this is a merger, it can dispense with the niceties immediately. That means the whole Arco board will be cleared out, suitably compensated of course, while nearly all of the 2,000 job losses, including those in the UK, will be at the expense of Arco employees.

But there is one disadvantage of scale that Sir John can do nothing about The Arco merger will increase BP Amoco's weighting in the FTSE100 Index to nearly 10 per

which many index tracking funds have to stop buying. Without them piling in, BP Amoco can no longer count on the phenomenon of "index powering" to drive its share price ever higher - one of the reasons it was able to use paper to acquire Arco. Then again, having swallowed Amoco for breakfast and Arco for elevenses, Sir John will surely want to take his time identifying something for lunch.

Cable & Wireless

CAN IT really only be four months since Dick Brown walked out of Cable & Wireless? At the time, the general view was that the Texan's two-year tenure as chief executive had been a success. Now the picture looks rather different. A 23page lawsuit, filed by C&W in a court in Delaware, places a huge question mark next to the US internet business it bought from MCI Worldcom for \$1.7bn last September At the time Mr Brown, with his usual restraint, hailed the deal as a "huge leap". It now appears he was sold a pup. Since C&W took control revenue growth has slowed. service quality has slumped, and customers have been leaving in

C&W claims this is all MCl Worldcom's fault. The US group has

agreement with C&W by not transferring enough staff, attempting to poach customers, and generally making life difficult for the new owners. However, this raises questions about Mr Brown's supposedly legendary deal-making skills. Signing an agreement that relied so heavily on MCI - once described as a law firm with a satellite dish on the roof - was perhaps asking for trouble.

All this means relatively little for Mr Brown, safely ensconced at EDS' headquarters back in Texas (although EDS shareholders may want to take another look at the strategic alliance Mr Brown signed with MCI Worldcom, to great acclaim, back in January). For C&W, however it further stretches the odds of it surviving as an independent company. Sure, C&W may win the case. But in the fast-forward world of the internet C&W has already lost vital ground to its rivals. No amount of damages will ever enable it to recover that ground.

C&W shares lost less than 3 per cent of their value yesterday, reflecting the market's belief that they are trading at a discount to the value of C&W's assets. Mr Wallace may have little choice but to realise that value by breaking up the company. If he doesn't do it, somebody else might.



Ford to slash 680 UK jobs as sales drop

FORD YESTERDAY announced By BARRIE CLEMENT it was to shed 680 jobs, and management sources revealed that short-time working at its biggest plant would continue for at least another three months.

The cutback in the company's workforce is part of a drive for higher productivity. The continued reduction in the working week from five days to four at the Dagenham works in Essex has been prompted by disappointing sales in Europe.

It is also understood that management is considering whether to lengthen the normal two week "down" period at the Essex complex that produces the Fiesta. Dagenham has been on a four-day week since last October and its extension, disclosed to The Independent. will cause considerable concern among both employees and

The news comes less than 24 hours after the Prime Minister welcomed an agreement to secare the fature of the Rover plant at Longbridge, Birmingham.

Labour Editor

Referring to the Ford job cuts, Tony Woodley, national official of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that while the redundancies were voluntary, which might suit older workers who wanted to leave, there was still a "major concern" about the continual loss of jobs.

"If the yearly cull continues without something being done to create new jobs or at least maintain jobs, there will be no-one left," he said.

Ford said the voluntary programme would begin immediately and finish towards in July. Most jobs will be lost at the Halewood and Dagenham plants.

The breakdown of job losses is: Aveley in Essex, 20; Belfast, 16; Dagenham, 220; Daventry, Northamptonshire, 15; Enfield, north London, 20; Halewood, 260; Swansea, 52; Southampton, 70 and Dunton in Essex, four Some 625 hourly-paid and 55 white-collar jobs are to go.

A Ford spokesman stressed there would be no compulsory redundancies and that some jobs would go through early re-

Flo Clucas, deputy leader of Liverpool City Council, said that it was disappointing when any jobs were lost in the area: "Ford is an extremely important part of the Merseyside economy and with the advent of the Baby Jag', we hoped we would be seeing an improved job situation. We will do all we can to minimise the im-

pact of any job losses." A line maintenance worker a the Halewood plant, who asked not to be named, said: "I haven't heard about it, but it's inevitable. It's going to happen across the board. I can imagine more job

losses to come." A group leader in charge of 12 men at the same works said: "Tve only just heard the news myself on the radio. I will be one to go if it's true. It's sad especially for the younger lads. I am 52 now and I would say I'm out - it's as simple as that."

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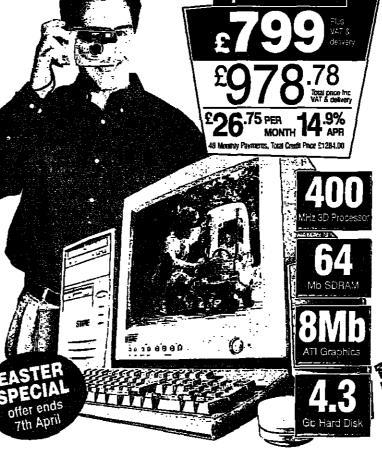
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BT cuts call cost to mobiles

said it would cut the cost of calling mobile phones from its fixed-line network by an average. of more than 25 per cent as it complies with a ruling by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

The new rates will take effect from 30 April and will vary depending on the mobile network being called and the time of day For example, the weekend rate for calling Cellnet numbers from a BT line will go down to 2p a minute (including VAT). The move follows the MMC's flecting the termination rates

BRITISH TELECOMS yesterday ruling last December that BT and the UK's two largest mobile phone companies, Vodafone and Cellnet, must cut the prices they charge for calls between mobile and fixed phone customers by 25 per cent.

"The new lower prices reflect lower costs and reduced payments that BT has agreed with Cellnet and Vodafone following last year's inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission," a BT spokesman said. All prices have been reduced,

the wide variation in prices re-

that BT is charged by the mobile operators. The termination rates are set independently by the mobile operators, within the constraints set by the MMC. Oftel, the telecoms regulator,

referred the case to the MMC last year on concern the three were using their dominant market positions to keep mobile phone prices artificially high.

Competition has already forced prices down. The cost of a daytime call from a BT line to a mobile phone will have halved over the past four years once the new rates are introduced.

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BLUE CHIPS hit a record high but ended April Fool's day on a humourless note. After surging 103.8 points to a new 6,399.1 trading peak, Footsie ran out of enthusiasm and failed even to achieve a closing record. The final calculation was up 34.7 at 6.330, just 5.7 from the high reached last month.

The stock market stalled when New York, again demonstrating its awesome power over London, opened on a hesitant note. There are fears that, with the Balkan crisis intensifying, the world's largest market could be in for an uncertain run.

But until New York's subdued display equities boomed as the market was captivated by lower interest rates hopes and gleeful anticipation of more mega deals.

The rush into Personal Equity Plans and jockeying ahead of the end of the tax year were decisive influences as share volume once again nudged 1.2

VFG, the video and film facilities group capitalised at £12.6m, is planning to expand in Europe and

It is raising £10m, placing shares at 50p each; the price shaded 1.5p to 52p. As part of the revamp David Hudd, formerly of Vardon,

becomes chairman. The group, which hopes its overseas expansion will produce a more even profits flow between the two half years, has achieved profits of £1.18m. up 30 per cent.

billion. It was again a day for blue chip chasing, with mid cap shares left in the cold, although the small caps managed moderate headway.

The market has this year experienced the wall of money argument as cash rich institutions have piled in and private investors have scrambled to buy PEPs; it is estimated that PEP business in February and March was up 63 per cent on the same months last year.

BP Amoco kept the merger pot boiling when it duly rolled out its take over of Atlantic Richfield, which will make institutional investors even more under weight in the stock. The claim by the Ing investment house in New York that the shares were overvalued took the shine off the price: it fell 39p to 1,009.5p.

Banks and drugs captured the bid imagination. Persistent rumours again swirled of a major banking deal: Barclays soared ?7p (after 104p) to 1,858p and Halifax rose 27p to 786.5p. Bank of Scotland, possibly the favourite for bid attention, gained 44.5p to 867.5p. and National Westminster Bank added 35p to 1,463p.

Drugs saw Glaxo Wellcome 82p higher and Zeneca 109p up at 3,037p. There was a yarn that Glaxo intended to barge into the merger between Astra of Sweden and Zeneca. But the drugs giant appeared to have left any intervention too

Next week AstraZeneca makes its debut and the heavy



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buying may have been fuelled by institutional shareholders establishing their positions before the deal is concluded. Glaxo is more likely to try to resurrect deals with either Bristol Myers Squibb or SmithKline Beecham.

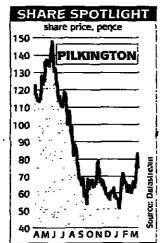
Supermarket chain Safeway was at one time 8.75p higher as bid stories resurfaced. The shares ended 5p harder at 247.25p.

The re-appearance of legendary deal maker Michael Ashcroft with a takeover bid for troubled Corporate Services enlivened the undercard. His Carlisle vehicle is merging with his US operation and bidding in cash and shares up to £282m for troubled Corporate Services, 21p higher at 94.5p.

Hall Engineering rose 14.5p to 155p as the management buy-out came in at 155p a share. Rival bidder, the TT conglomerate, is pondering whether to top the managers'

Take over chatter edged Cox Insurance 2.5p higher at 165p and engineer Alumasc 13.5p to 105p.

But the latest Pilkington bid story was shattered. Saint Gobain, the French group, denied the bid rumour and once again Pilks shares cracked, down 6p to 76.5p with accusations going the rounds that old-fashioned



ramp had been cleverly exe-

EMI, the showbiz group, was on key with a 17.25p gain to 459.5p. Stockbroker Sutherlands regard the shares as a hit after talking to the company.

Telecoms were back in demand. Vodafone dialled a 31p gain to 1,182p ahead of quarterly mobile phone figures and BT's decision to cut mobile call charges; BT gained 17p to 1,028p. Securicor, still reflecting hopes BT will take full control of the Celinet mobile phone group, gained 22.5p to 568p. Colt Telecom rose 32p to 1,148p and Telewest Communications, encouraged by positive comments from Morgan

Stanley, firmed 8.5p to 277.25p. Railtrack remained under the whip of regulatory worries, giving up 54p at 1,368p. Diageo, off 20p to 676p, was ruffled by fears that LVMH, the French huxury goods group battling for

business, may sell its remaining 6.6 per cent stake Cable & Wireless was another under pressure, losing 22p to 752p. It is suing the

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American group MCI, following their Internet deal and there is continuing speculation that wants to offload its 13 per cent interest in Cable-controlled Hong Kong Telecom.

Scotia, the drugs group, softened to 101.5p. Founder and former chairman David Horrobin is thought to have further reduced his 11 per cent stake. Perpetual seems to have been the buyer lifting its interest to 11.3 per cent.

Acorn, the computer group, logged a 17.5p gain to 217.5p. It

AEA TECHNOLOGY, the privatised engineering services group, has had a torrid week with its shares, following a profits warning, slumping from 617.5p to 343.5p. They were 1,029p last summer.

There are signs the fall has been too steep. **Investec Henderson** Crosthwaite is one house believing the decline has been over done and WestLB Panmure say the shares should be 450p. Director buying helped the price up 2.5p to 348p yesterday.

raised eyebrows by moving its 24.4 per cent stake in Arm, the chip maker, to its Applied Risc Technologies off-shoot. The group wants to cash in its Arm shareholding, possibly distributing the shares to its shareholders, but has been inhibited by tax problems. Acom said the switch did not imply any deal was imminent.

Arm rose 35p to 2,735p; the shares arrived at around 800p a year ago. The Arm stake is worth £315m, which compares with Acorn's capitalisation of less than £200m

Bernard Matthews, the meat group, held at 129p with Investec Henderson Crosthwaite saying the shares offered good value.

Stockbroker Raphael Zorn Hemsley fell 25p to 67.5p following a surprise profit warning. The shares were 137.50 last year. The insurance specialist blamed a "poor market" in recent months. Blick, an electronics group which produced a profit warning on Wednesday, fell a further 62.5p to 197.5p: the

shares touched 457.5p last year. Save, the hard-pressed petrol retailer, firmed 4p to 39p with indications the industry giants are increasing their forecourt prices fuelling the gain.

Dentmaster. which specialises in knocking dents out of car bodies, held at 5p. It raised around £57,500 placing shares at 4.25p The cash will be used to fund US expansion.

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Things are looking up for beleaguered engineers

glimmer of an investment op- Associate City Editor portunity in Britain's beleapound and the evaporation of cult markets," pricing power,

eral engineering sector has Mr Hewitt is positive on the under-performed the rest of sector. the market by 23 per cent. Last year was scarred by a raft of profits warnings and downgrades as metal-bashers bemarket's great untouchables.

Things have started to run, however. Since the dark days of early October, when the whole market bottomed out, there has been a gradual im-

The sector's full year results season - nearly all the general engineers reported in March – was completed with barely a hiccup. There was one profits warning relating to a non-trading issue at Morgan Crucible but other companies came through unscathed. This has facilitated the start of a rerating, and engineering analysts are beginning to make encouraging noises about

"Now we have got through

guered engineering sector? market have not been re-The engineers have had a alised," says Guy Hewitt at torrid time of late, hit by the Charterhouse Tilney. "Comcombination of a global eco- panies have shown that they nomic slowdown, a strong can be more resilient in diffi-

Though markets are still dif-Over the last year the gen-ficult and the outlook is mixed,

"The next movement should be upwards," he says, "though we may have to wait for the outlook statements came one of the stock with the interim results before we know for sure. But the sector is definitely undervalued.'

Paul Compton at Merrill Lynch agrees, saying the sector "should start to outperform" and that the risks are now far lower than in November, when stock markets still looked vulnerable and demand

uncertain. History is certainly on the sector's side. According to Charterhouse Tilney, this cyclical sector is now at the same level relative to the All Share index as it was at the bottom of the last cycle in 1993. The broker says there is currently limited share price

the results season it is clear for this. First, the economic gineers but at current levels



was back in November. The prospect of outright recession looks limited and engineers are proving resilient in markets that are still tough.

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Second, interest rates are coming down, which should support demand, particularly in key markets such as the UK

The strength of sterling There are several reasons continues to be a factor for enthat the worst fears of the outlook is much better than it company profitability should will also remain as demand necessary.

exchange rate costs. Another boost is corporate

activity, which has been gathering pace, with deals including TRW-LucasVarity going through and others, such as an FKI buyout, being rumoured.

Problems remain, however. The lack of price inflation is putting pressure on margins and this is expected to continue. Supply-side pressures

continues to be precarious. The companies that will be able to defend prices and volumes best are those with strong market shares and unique products. Pressure will be greatest at the commodity end of the market.

Which companies look the best bets? McKechnie, which impressed with results earlier this week, is favoured. It has strong market shares and is not overly exposed to the troubled automotive sector. It is improving margins and has the firepower to fund £200m of acquisitions.

Bodycote International, the metals testing and materials processing group, is another rated a buy by analysts, supported by good growth prospects and continued acquisitions.

Analysts also like the look of FKI, the materials handling, electrical equipment and windows group.

Elsewhere, the jury is still out on Tomkins, which is struggling to shake off its diversified industrials tag despite being reclassified as

Though yield support is strong, the company has fallen so far out of favour that something more drastic than the recently announced £400m

Skillsgroup makes £32.5m acquisition

SKILLSGROUP, the computer BY PETER THAL LARSEN services group, yesterday announced its third deal in less than a month with the acquisition of the UK training division of Cap Gemini, the Anglo-French computer giant, for

The deal takes Skillsgroup's spending on acquisitions to more than £70m this year, in line with the strategy outlined in February by David Southworth. the chairman.

The deals complete the transformation of Skillsgroup which started last year, when the company started selling non-core divisions in order to concentrate on training and the installation of large computer servers.

These recent transactions significantly enhance the earnings potential of Skillsgroup, training, the Cap Gemini divimoving us closer to our target

of 10 per cent operating margin," Mr Southworth said.

The Cap Gemini business was immediately absorbed into QA, Skillsgroup's training division. Rob Burnham, QA's managing director, said the offer a broader range of train-

While QA currently specialises in technology-based sion provides courses in project

management and systems development.

As part of the deal, Cap Gemini has agreed to use the training division as an exclusive supplier for two years, guaranteeing Skillsgroup revenues of acquisition would allow QA to more than £10m. Last year the business made pre-tax profits of £3.2m on revenues of £16.5m.

The acquisition is likely to speed the stock market's reservices group, rather than a to rise further.

reseller of computer hardware. The shares, which were one of The Independent's tips of the year, rose 18.5p to 323p yesterday. They started the year at

Analysts pointed out that. even after their recent rise, the shares trade on a modest multiple of 22 times this year's expected earnings. The large discount to other companies in appraisal of Skillsgroup as a the sector means they are likely

Truth about Palace split

DAVID BUCHLER, the partner with Buchler Phillips who withdrew as administrator of Crystal Palace on Tuesday is incensed at how the split between himself and Palace's owner, Mark Goldberg, has been reported. Mr Buchler said it was "nonsense" that his fees for rescuing the beleaguered football club had been the reason for the split.

Mr Buchler said: "I have never had a discussion with Mark Goldberg about fees ever. The suggestion [in the the real reason was a breakpress) that we were asking for fees of £300,000 is nonsense. absolute nonsense."

Mr Buchler had been asked by the Palace board to become administrator several weeks ago, and went to the High Court on Monday to have his appointment confirmed. Then on Tuesday he bad a "conversation" with Mr Goldberg and decided to withdraw, he says. because Mr Goldberg wanted too much control of the rescue An alternative firm of corpo- I NOTICED a report on an ac-

rate rescue specialists, Moore Stephens Booth White, were appointed administrators on Wednesday in Mr Buchler's place. Simon Paterson and David Rolph of Moore Stephens now have three months to come

Source: Bloomberg

PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

BY JOHN WILLCOCK

up with a rescue plan for Palace. which has debts of 222m. Mr Paterson said Mr Buchler had been forced to pull out

because Buchler Phillips had an involvement with another football club. A week ago Buchler Phillips were appointed receivers to Luton Town. Again. Mr Buchler insisted

down in relations between himself and Mr Goldberg. "Mr Goldberg wanted to control everything himself. I believe

it would have been difficult for us to have achieved the main goal of rescuing Crystal Palace together." He added: "Moore Stephens

Booth White were his personal advisers and I wish them luck."

Only fooling

countancy newswire on the Internet vesterday that, following the recently announced merg er between Arthur Andersen and KPMG's Canadian accountancy operations, two



have been prompted to wed: Ernst & Young and Deloitte & Touche have "rocked the accountancy world by announcing that they are to merge", says the newswire. The firms will have equal

roles in the new merged firm and the name will reflect this. the report continues. "It is to be called DeloitteErnstTouche-Young, or DERTY for short." Can I suggest a motto for the

enlarged firm? "Where there's muck there's brass."



Crystal Palace owner Mark Goldberg is said to have other bean-counting giants wanted too much control over the football club's rescue

April Fool's Day. You can read amine a few special areas of inthe japes for yourself on terest. http://www.accountingweb.co.

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That's enough Fool's Day. I

YESTERDAY was also Maundy

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Counsel, which means they

can put "QC" after their name

Elevated Funny zone

LIVINGSTONE GUARANTEE, the UK's oldest and largest independent corporate finance hands out alms to the poor boutique, vesterday announced and silk to the barristers. that it is to sponsor the Erogenous Zone at the Millennium Dome.

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Commenting on the sponsorship, Barrie Pearson, Livingstone Guarantee's executive chairman, said: "The Erogenous Zone is a celebration of the senses. Unlike the Body Zone, which aims to educate visitors about the body, we have decided to take a more interactive ap-

and charge even more for their services. Warmest congratulations then to Mark Phillips, an insolvency specialist at Michael Crystal's chambers in Grav's Inn. who was made a QC yes-

A colleague of Mr Phillips tells me he is a "former racing driver and total petrol-head."

Mr Phillips is famous for a short speech he made at a legal conference on the efficacy or otherwise of the Insolvency Act 1986. Apparently he said he was driving to work recently when he "looked down at the prancing horse on my steering wheel and thought, 'it's [the Act's) done alright for me'."

The prancing horse is the symbol of a Ferrari.

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Rugby Union: A record campaign has further strengthened the spirit of a club pulled together by economic adversity



Richmond rally to the cause in training at the Bank of England sports ground, Roehampton, for the biggest game in their history, the Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-final against Newcastle tomorrow

Fresh hope for tortured Richmond



THE BANK of England sports ground seems an ironic choice of training venue given the financial straits in which Richmond found cumstances grave enough to force the club to go into administration and cut back their staffing levels and wage bill.

It will not sort out their cash problems, but the Richmond players certainly seemed happy enough, carefree even, at their adopted headquarters in Roehampton, south-west London, as they completed preparations for the biggest match in the club's history, the Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-final against Newcastle at Reading's Madejski Stadium tomorrow.

It is a stage further than Richmond have ever been before in the knock-out competition and they want victory badly. "This is a very important match to us," insisted their Argentinian scrum-half, Agustin Pichot. "We have had problems with our form in the league.

pitch and players having to leave, so the Cup represents a chance for us

John Kingston, the club's director of rugby, admitted: "I am excited problems has eased now. I think it more." will be an enjoyable occasion. The problems that we have had have been publicised for the last month or so, but in reality it has been an extremely tough world for us for the last year or so.

"We have been disposing of players rather than acquiring them. It has come to the fore with going into administration and the sadness of that but we had already reached a point where the recruiting had to stop. We had a wage cap on our playdiscussion and policy among the rest of the Premiership clubs."

According to Kingston, adversity has had a positive effect on everyone in his charge, "I have recruited there has been the problems off the 60 or 70 players in my five years at bench last weekend for the Harie-

takes, but the most important thing to me, over and above the obvious quality of ability, is the character of the player. I have a bunch of people who want to play for Richmond. When you get a kick in the bollocks about it. The gressure of the off-field from life it tends to pull you together

Which is what has happened at Richmond. Pichot explained: "The recent situation has helped the players. It has revealed another side of everyone in the squad - the human side and that is very important for the team."

As a measure of the kind of spirit that has been engendered at the club you only had to see Adrian Davies helping with the training, just a couple of days after a visit to the dole office. "Adrian personifies the spirers long before it became a topic of it of Richmond. Kingston said. "Don't let anyone tell you there is dissent in the ranks here, because it ain't so. We respect each other and work hard for each other.

"Jim Hamilton-Smith was on the

players we made redundant. Yet he wanted to be there. I paid him out of my own pocket."

And before the vultures start tracts, they would be well advised not waste their time. By all accounts the players want to stay where they are. Kingston explained: "The players have actually come to me and said. 'So-and-so has been on the phone land these are Premier league clubs], what do you want me to say John?' I say, 'It's your life, You are out of contract.' They tell me they don't want to go. So I say to them. 'Tell the clubs that you want to wait to see what happens here first."

Pichot is a fine example. His contract comes up for renewal at the end of next month and he is going to have to confront the prospect of leaving. "I don't want to walk away from Richmond. I have been through hard times and good times with the club. They gave me a chance. But I am 24. I have a long

next four years. At the moment it is too early for me to make a decision. But I don't want to leave."

Perhaps, if they reach the final, gathering, looking for scrapped con- and, whisper it, win the Cup, things would be rosier on the financial front. Kingston, ever the pragmatist, dismisses the notion. "Frankly I don't think there is that much money to be had in getting to the final," he said. "The cash is spread around." No. Kingston is not looking beyond

> "It is wonderful to have reached the semi-final," he said, "Four years ago we were bottom of the Third and we had to beat Blackheath to avoid relegation to the Fourth Division. That's pressure. I am very proud of what we have achieved. I feel Richmond have never stopped going upwards since I have been at the club.

This is obviously a great opportunity, but even if things do not go well for us on Saturday, then I have to be reflective about it. After all, we can still finish sixth or seventh in the career ahead of me and I want to be league." And negotiating a passage

easy task.

Kingston acknowledged: "Newcastle are a hard, uncompromising bunch. And they didn't get the credit they deserved for winning the league last year. You talk about rises. For them, for anybody who comes out of Division Two and then to succeed is very hard. So for them to win the league last year. I think was just unbelievable."

Kingston, being a North-easterner, feels things a little more keenly than most when it comes to trying to bring down the Falcons. "The rivalry goes back to our days in the Second Division. But there is always an edge for me when we play each other, with it being my homeland, as it were. I get up for it, maybe the players realise that and they get more up for these games as well.

"But while they are a good side. they do not hold any fears for us. We know about them. We have beaten them well the last two times we have played them. We will respect them,

America's Cup low on Spirit of Britain

Lack of corporate interest has scuppered UK hopes of entering the world's greatest yacht race next year. By Stuart Alexander

THE THREADBARE coat of optimism worn by the Spirit of Britain America's Cup syndicate is looking increasingly like an emperor's illusion as time runs out on a dream to ... see the UK's return to the millennium party that will be New Zealand's defence early next year.

Every day the same question is asked more anxiously: Has the life support machine, which has included personal contributions from the syndicate's chairman, professor Andrew Graves, and principal players, Lawrie Smith and Angus Melrose, plus sponsorship from the likes of British Aerospace and Silicon Graphics, been turned off?

Soviet days in the Kremlin when a president was dying. Everyone was convinced it was happening, knew what was coming but it could not be spoken. Even last week's optimism about flying in a team of boat builders to start work is smothered

m caveats by Graves. The difference is that there is no Britain has not been able to send a

Walker's Crusader was eliminated before the semi-finals of the Louis · Vuitton Cup challenger series. Attempts have been made since

then to whip up enthusiasm but neither British sponsorship nor, for that matter, European or global finance has been forthcoming. In contrast, there will be five US syndicates vying for the right to be the ultimate sole challenger to the Kiwis next February. The French and the Australians are ever-present, the Japanese and Spanish are in for a third time, and the Italians are back, having won the challenger slot in 1992. sign, be only one half of a double Even that great European mar-The silence is reminiscent of itime nation, Switzerland, looks like making it to the start line.

A sensible campaign can be put together for around £10 million. Five partners putting in £2m each over two or three years would barely dent the to take guests - to the time zone marketing budgets of a surprising number of Britain's big companies. They have all been approached and all, so far, have said no. Britain has heir apparent waiting to take over. the technological resources to test, design and build a competitive boat. But, competitor to the last two Cups, held despite considerable work with the in San Diego in 1992 and 1995. The help of BAe and SG, phis the offer of

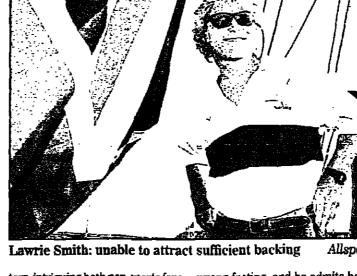
tle, Western Australia when Graham a single model has been built. The Kiwis, with a population not much more than one twentieth of Britain's, have been in the tank at Southampton's Woolfson Institute for almost all the five years since they became only the second nation in history to take the Cup away from the Americans.

There is also enough sailing talent in the UK to handle the boats and take on the opposition, though there is a transition from an older guard to a newer one taking place. There was always a line of thinking that a presence at the 2000 Cup would, in the absence of a breakthrough dechallenge with the second, perhaps in 2003, made crucially stronger by a British presence at the first.

Reasons given for the lack of commercial backing range from the venue - New Zealand is a long way racing would take place in the early hours of a European morning - to the uncertainty over the extent of television coverage, for which a base deal was agreed only last month. But what claims to be sport's old-

est trophy has a mystique which

transcends the normal. It has always



ters, intriguing both non-sports fans wrong footing, and he admits he is as well as those who would watch not a man for corporate-speak. anything from the football World Cup to a cockroach race. Perhaps too large, according to the man who last skippered a British challenge, Harry Cudmore. The America's Cup, he feels, is such a large prospect that any individual backers for a challenge may face the accusation of being on a major ego trip. Watching the Alan Bonds, Peter de Savarys and Bill Kochs strutting the America's Cup catwalk has bred an atmosphere of caution. "I have talked to the Germans, who are also not there, and they feel the same," Cudmore says. "It's just too high pro-

file, the wrong image." Except that the America's Cup is a superb marketing platform. However. Cudmore feels the courtship last time a British boat was on the tank-testing support from the Defence produced Machiavellian skuldug-race course was in 1986 in Freman- Establishment Research Agency not gery and larger-than-life charac-

The hope is that the sport's national governing body, the Royal Yachting Association, will pick up the ball and run with it. It tried in January and February but tripped up. "There is support for yachting in the UK, but it tends to be for adventure things like amateur round-the-world races or single-handed races rather than the mainstream." he says. "The only grand prix money has tended to come from tobacco companies."

Yet Cudmore points to a new, more ambitious leadership, which could succeed where senior, establishment yacht clubs have failed.

The America's Cup itself also needs a new direction and a new directorate. It is not too early to start work on both problems, with the blatantly parochial self-interest of amateur code was abandoned. The British participation taking priority. I present qualification is that the entrant

Fair start for the Boat Race

THE BOAT RACE crews. with little over 24 hours to go, have cut their training to the minimum with the few remaining sessions devoted to precision work and practice race starts. They go from the stake boats moored in the stream with the unfamiliar sensation of the Tide running underneath. This year the Umpire, Mark Evans, an Oxford Blue and 1984 Olympic champion, has decreed that the blades must remain flat on the water until he calls "go".

In past years the crews have squared the blade in the water on the word "attention", ready to pull cleanly on the final command. This, with the water flowing past the hull, means the the boat has been dragged forward, stretching the stake boat men's arms. and sometimes giving a small but still

unfair advantage for one side. The warm-up to this year's Boat Race is enhanced with a brilliant lineup for the World Sculling Challenge over the same course this afternoon. At 3.30pm a field of five of the top women scullers, including Ekaterina Khodotovich, the 1996 Olympic champion, will race off, followed half an hour later by five men. four of whom are former world singles sculls champi-

ons at heavyweight and lightweight. The Challenges are a revival of the match races which dominated the sport on the Thames for 200 years before dying out early this century. Today's race is the seventh since the revival and the first since the sport's

BY HUGH MATHESON

must be an Olympic or World singles sculling champion such as Giovanni Calabrese of Italy, or, like Guin Batten of Britain, a former Thames World Sculling Trophy holder.

The greatest risk to such a distinguished group is the Bank Holiday river traffic. The Putney-to-Mortlake reach will not be closed to other users as it is for the Boat Race, and with strangers unfamiliar to the river and its unexpected hazards this could be a disastrous combination.

The four-and-a-half mile distance and the subtleties of the fast stream which is found where the river runs deepest mean that the normal rule of power over skill is reversed, with watermanship and tactical wit more likely to prevail.

Among the men the only local, Greg Searle, the first British sculler to win a World medal since the war. has dropped out with a back injury, leaving Jamie Koven of the United States and Derek Porter of Canada as the bigger men, with Iztok Cop of Slovenia - the winner in 1995, who was only released from military duty yesterday - as the slightly smaller man.

He denied that his late arrival is due to the Balkan crisis, saying, "No, it is just that my commander is a fool."

The men's line-up is completed by Calabrese and the other Italian Stephano Basalini, the 1998 lightweight champion.

Flintoff hits England for six and more

ENGLAND'S BOWLERS completed yesterday's warm-up match enthusing about the explosive strokeplay of Andrew Flintoff. Opening their preparation for next week's Coca-Cola Cup tournament in Sharjah with a gentle warm-up against the local side Lahore Gymkhana, the tourists chose to give Vince Wells and Flintoff to the opposition so all 14 squad members could have a run-out ahead of this weekend's tough day-night fixtures against

Despite completing a comfortable 137-run victory, the most lasting impression was the vision of Gymkhana's No 4 batsman thumping England's the picturesque ground on his

BY MYLES HODGSON

England 375-5 Lahore Gymkhana 238-9

England win by 137 runs

way to a thrilling 112 off just 67

During 127 minutes of mag-nificent strokeplay, Flintoff hammered seven sixes - two off Angus Fraser in one over - and 11 other boundaries to leave no one in the ground in any doubt why the selectors chose a 21-year-old who is yet to make his one-day international debut in

their World Cup squad. Only Nick Knight and Graham Thorpe, playing his first

Inzamam shows Pakistan the way

LIAZ AHMED and Inzamam-ul- India 196 Hag each hit unbeaten half centuries as Pakistan cruised to a seven-wicket victory over India yesterday in the Pepsi Cup triangular tournament. Both sides had already qualified for Sunday's final in Bangalore having beaten Sri Lanka, who have returned home.

After bowling out India for 196, Pakistan reached the target of 197 in only 42 overs with Ijaz and Inzamam putting on 163 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket.

Ijaz and Inzamam came to the crease after Pakistan had suffered a top-order collapse, losing three wickets for 34 runs. India's medium pacer Venkatesh Prasad claimed the wickets, for 27 runs. Ijaz remained on 89 not out and Inzamam 63 not out. Inzamam won a reprieve when he was dropped by Gyandendra Pandey at deep midwicket after he had scored 40 runs.

India's substitute captain, Ajay Jadeja, won the toss and elected to bat. But Pakistan's

Pakistan 197-3 Pakistan win by 7 wickets

Wasim Akram and Shoaib Akhtar bowled light spells and kept the Ir dians subdued Opener Saura . Canguly re-

tired hurt after he was hit in "he ribs by a rising delivery from Akhtar. He later resumed and turned out to be the top scorer for India, with 57 runs. The only other notable Indian contribution came from all-rounder Robin Singh, who scored 42 runs.

Some 1,000 Pakistani fans travelled across the border in a demonstration of the thaw in relations between the two archrivals. Indian and Pakistani flags fluttered alongside eachother as spectators shouted slogans of friendship to each other. Indian authorities issued

visas for the visitors and arranged transport and lodging for them in a gesture of friendship as they travelled across the border of the Punjab province.

since returning home early from the Ashes tour with back trouble, missed out and Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Adam Hollioake and Fairbrother all retired out having scored halfcenturies and helping England to a towering total of 375 for 5.
None of their innings

matched the intensity and brilliance of Flintoff's display, however, which was only ended when Hollioake, his main rival for the No 6 batting spot in the World Cup team, uprooted his middle stump with a yorker.

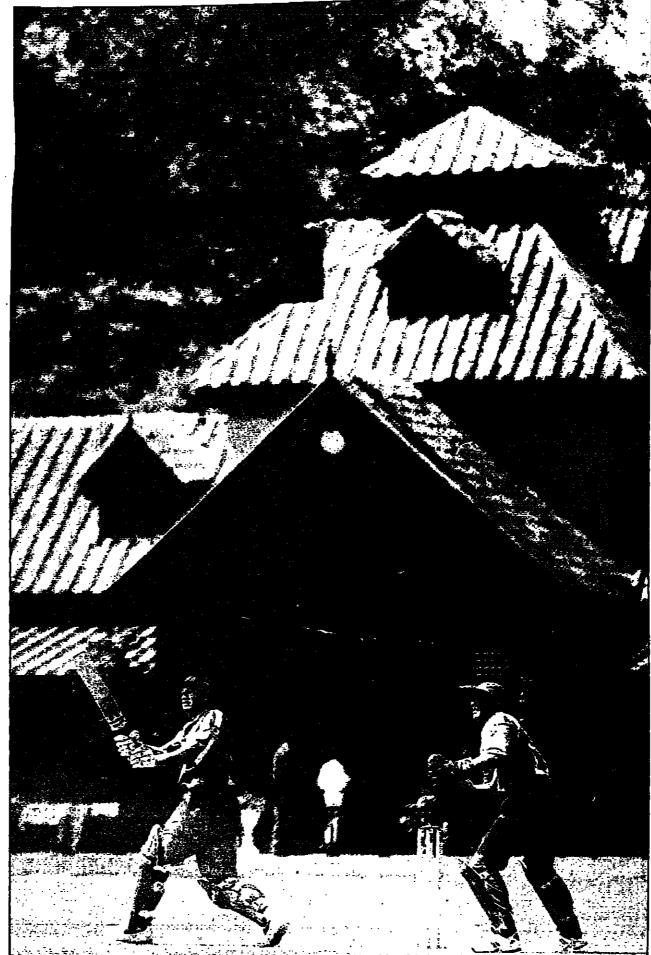
England even resorted to trying to kid him out, loudly appealing for a caught behind early in his innings, a ploy which may have worked had they not tried the same trick on Wells.

His departure, and the early loss of Wells for 30 when he failed to spot Ian Austin's slower ball and patted a return catch straight back to the bowler, effectively ended the contest and Gymkhana finished on 238 for 9 after Stewart allowed eight of his bowlers to get their first overs of the trip under their belts.

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Zaben Qadri c Hick b Croft
Imran Bucher c Austin b Hollioake
Aamer Gull c Croft b Hick
Asim Sheikh c Hollioake b Fraser

and has suffered no ill effects



Vince Wells, keeping wicket for Gymkhana, eyes Graeme Hick's hit over deep square in Lahore yesterday Allsport

Hassell rejects Wisden claims CHRIS HASSELL, the Yorkshire

wisden's criticism of club cricket in the county as ill-informed. Matthew Engel, the editor of Wisden, claims in the ew edition that "cricketing partheid" has become "pited practice." cepted practice" in England.

"It has become normal for ethnic-minority players to gravitate towards their own clubs, and there is now clear-cut evidence of segregation operating, informally, in both Yorkshire and Essex." Engel wrote in the editorial to this year's edition.

Accusations of racism in the county have been levelled on many occasions before, notably by the former England skipper Allan Lamb, who complained about the treatment meted out to the Indian spinner, Anil Kumble, during a NatWest semi-final between Yorkshire and Northamptonshire at Headingley.

And while Engel's claims are directed more at the local leagues than the county itself, Hassell was quick to counter the accusation. "We have taken positive steps to address the situation but a fair bit of these comments are ill-informed, he said. "I don't think there is anything specific about ethnic groups gravitating together in Yorkshire, it happens everywhere. All different nationalities are as guilty of that as any other.

'Our cricket development officer for West Yorkshire -Tony Bowry - is West Indian and he has specific responsibility for black and ethnic issues."

Yorkshire have been heavily criticised in the past for the absence of Asian players from the county side. In an area boasting a high percentage of players from the sub-continent, only one has ever played first class cricket for the county and that was the former Indian skipper, Sachin Tendulkar, employed as an overseas player.

Yorkshire's fully-Asian competition, the Quaid-e-Azam League, has been competing in the White Rose Trophy for the last few years, which Hassell feels is a positive step. "It is important they are part of the competition and it helps us to monitor the quality of the players coming through the system."

Vickery return lifts Gloucester

colleagues were more than a little surprised to see their beloved Kingsholm homestead advertised for sale on the Internet yesterday – a bold Cherry and White prankster managed to sucker the lot of them by placing an April Fool spoof on the club website. But the shock was probably nothing compared to the announcement that Phil Vickery, their long-lost England prop, was named in a 24-man squad for the Tetley's Bitter Cup semifinal with Wasps at Loftus Road on Sunday.

There was no guarantee that the 22-year-old tighthead would start one of the most important matches in recent Gloucester history, but his very presence in the party was enough to bolster West Country confidence in ad-

BY CHRIS HEWETT

vance of the big outing to Shepherd's Bush. Vickery has not played a full first-team game, or indeed a full game at any level, since the autumn, when a weak neck ligament gave way for the umpteenth time, forcing him out of England's World Cup qualifiers against the Netherlands and Italy.

Most Gloucester watchers had reluctantly written him out of the script until next season and Clive Woodward, the national coach, must have similar. But Vickery, whose brute strength and trencherman's appetite for life at the

summer, completed an encouraging 20 minutes in a second-string club game last week

from a sharp upturn in his Philippe Saint-Andre, the Gloucester player-coach, said yesterday that he wanted to give a number of players the

chance to prove their fitness. hence his decision to break with habit and name a squad rather than a starting line-up. Richie Tombs has recovered from knee trouble and should return to midfield, but there is still mild concern over three been close to doing something tight forwards. Andy Deacon. who has performed the Vickery role these last five months, is struggling with shin trouble. eye of the storm made him one while Rob Fidler, an England of the few English successes in lock last summer, has rib prob-

the southern hemisphere last lems. Sims, the club captain, should be fit after suffering a blow to the head three weeks

> The Irish international selectors have reacted to the more significant Five Nations blow dealt by Scotland in Edinburgh last month by changing half their side for next weekend's awkward Test with Italy at Lansdowne Road. The major casualties are two frontrowers, Keith Wood and Paul Wallace, both of whom would have challenged for a World XV at the start of the tourna-

Wood is replaced by Ross Nesdale, the New Zealand-born hooker from Newcastle, while Wallace concedes his tighthead berth to Peter Clohessy, who moves across from loosehead. Both big names drop to

the bench, with Justin Fitzpatrick, the Dungannon loosehead who helped Ulster to their famous European Cup triumph in January, getting a rare start

at the sharp end. There are two further changes to the pack, both in the back row. Dion O'Cuinneagain moves from blindside flanker to the open side to replace Andy Ward while Victor Costello starts at No 8 instead of the injured Eric Miller, Trevor Brennan of St. Mary's College completes the

Outside the scrum, Ciaran Scally gets a chance at scrumhalf - Conor McGuinness is while Rob Henderson of Wasps eases out his great rival, outside-half, Eric Elwood fills

choice, David Humphreys. Meanwhile, Adrian Hadley

yesterday confirmed he would not be a candidate for the vacant coaching post at Sale. The former Wales wing has been appointed head of rugby in the wake of John Mitchell's resignation on Wednesday, but does not want to commit himself to

full-time coaching.
Ireland team (v Italy, Landsdowne Road, 10 April): C O'Shea: J Bishop, K Maggs, R Henderson, G Dempsey, E El-wood, C Scally, J Fitzpatrick, R Nesdale, P Cohessy, P Johns (capt), J Davidson, T Brennan, D O'Cumneagain, V Costello.

Jonah Lomu is taking an insurance company to court over a sickness claim after he was out of the game for a year with among the replacements, a kidney disease. The All Black winger is suing the company for failing to accept his health in-Jonathan Bell, in the centre. At surance claim for nephrotic

the line to send Fasaualu

hurtling over for his second try.

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penalty into Staunton's range

and the No 10 was on target

from 40 metres only for Flutey

to respond in kind in injury

time. A break by Staunton was

the early second-half tonic Ire-

land needed and the fly-half

then landed a straightforward

penalty to close the gap to a sin-

Kiwi back-chat cost them

Hickman has the edge as record falls

JAMES HICKMAN continued his winning ways at the World Short Course Championships here yesterday when he won his 100m butterfly semi-final in his second championship record time of the day.

The 23-year-old finished in 51.51sec, beating Sweden's the 50m breaststroke final Her Lars Frolander by 0.02sec. Hickman's time was less than half a second outside his own world record, set in Sheffield last December, and 0.27sec faster than his morning swim.

Frolander was level with Hickman throughout the race but the Briton just had the edge when it mattered at the final touch. "It felt all right. I think I am a lot more relaxed now I've done a finals session," Hickman said.

The British girls' 4x100m freestyle quartet won Britain's first medal, a silver. After setting a new European record in the morning heats, they hoped to be chasing gold in the final but unfortunately the Swedish women proved too strong.

From the morning heats Vicki Horner was replaced by the former world short course champion, Karen Pickering, Claire Huddart, Karen Legg, Nicola Jackson and Pickering produced an outstanding team effort to take silver in a British and Commonwealth record of 7min 53.98sec. The Swedes broke the world record set by China at the championships two years ago.

Susan Rolph qualified for today's 100m freestyle final in fourth spot, despite her goggles slipping and preventing her

from seeing the end of the pool The 20-year-old European Short Course champion said afterwards: "I couldn't see the wall, but I'm happy." The fastest qualifier was the world champion, Jenny Thompson of the United States, who recorded

BY DERRICK WHYTE in Hong Kong

Yorkshire-born Zoe Baker, now based in New Zealand, finished a creditable seventh in time of 31.55sec was one-hundredth outside her own sixweek-old British record. Masami Tanaka, of Japan, took the gold medal.

Baker was disappointed, though, and said: "I was going for a medal but I lost so much on the pull out underwater. The swimming speed is fine but I am just not happy with the way I pull out after the start and turn.'

A 15-year-old schoolgirl clocked Britain's fastest time in the 4x200m freestyle silver medal success. Nicola Jackson, from Derwentside. North Yorkshire, swam the fastest of the four split times - 1:57.81 - followed by Karen Pickering, whose second fastest split of 1:57.90 brought Britain back into contention for gold.

"It was very hard," Jackson said. "I think it's the only medal I'll win at this meet so I'm thrilled."

Margaretha Pedder was disappointed with her swim in the final of the 200m butterfly after the 18-year-old from Portsmouth had set a British record swim in the morning heats. Her time of 2min 10.76sec was 0.55sec slower than her heat swim, Mette Jacobsen from Denmark winning gold with a European record of 2min 06,52sec.

Britain also just missed out on a medal when they finished fourth in the 4x100m men's freestyle relay. Australia took the gold in 3min 11,21sec, ahead of the Netherlands and Sweden, with Britain clocking 3min

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All Black power proves too much for Irish boys

their World Junior Championship title ended in a 21-15 defeat to New Zealand at the Brewery Field, Bridgend, last

The Kiwis, taking part in the 32-nation tournament for the first time, clinched a place in Sunday's final with a commanding display of disciplined and dynamic rugby.
The young All Blacks carried

too much forward fire power and pace behind, though the Irish refused to buckle and kept plugging away to the end. But the well-marshalled New Zealand defence restricted Ireland to penalty goals for all their points, fly-half Jeremy Staunton landing five to keep

his side in contention. By contrast, New Zealand threatened with the ball in hand on numerous occasions. with their wings, Junior Muliaina and Gerrard Fasaualu. and full-back Shannon Paku, devastating runners from deep.

IRELAND'S ATTEMPT to retain BY JOHN KENNEDY

Ireland never recovered from a bad start when Fasaualu scored after 70 seconds before an Irish player had time to lay a hand on the ball. It was a horrendous start for Des Dillon and his team but they bounced back to give the New Zealanders a run for their money.

Staunton began the salvage operation with a 42-metre penalty goal after 14 minutes and then the fly-half pulled off a try-saving tackle on Muli-aina just when the wing threatened to go all away.

Staunton was wide to the left with another penalty opportunity but a powerful midfield run by centre James Downey created the position from which Staunton made no mistake at the next time of asking to put Ireland in front for the one and only time - and it lasted bare-

A superb break by fly-half Riki Flutey tore the Irish de-

gle point. However, a collapsed scrum cost the Irish three more points from a Flutey penalty goal and they effectively finished it as a contest when Paku went over

for their third try. There was still time for Staunton to land his fifth penalty and for Mark Meenan to launch a thrilling counter-attack in the final minutes but New Zealand's discipline held for them to reach the final at the first time of asking.

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Greg Wood talks to a jockey who can make Grand National history with last year's hero of Aintree

YOU COULD argue for hours about the best jockey never to have won a Grand National and in Liverpool's bars a week tonight, people with nothing better to do probably will. They d while Engel's claims all great champions in their also-rans by two circuits of the big fir fences.

There is no better illustration of the capricious streak which runs through Aintree racecourse as surely as the Melling Road. But there is another side to its mercurial nature, one which Carl Llewellyn knows all about. He has been a jump jockey for 13 years, and a clever, stylish one too, yet he has never threatened to win a championship, or a Gold Cup or a Champion Hurdle.

At Liverpool in April, though, he is almost on first-name

The secret to this horse is the marathon trip, not the ground ... It's not the firsttwo miles that count, it's the second'

ms with the mounted police, who have led him back on the National winner not once, but

A third victory, on last year's winner Earth Summit, a week the second lockey this century to complete a trio of Aintree Na-

It would be a lasting testament to the talents of one of the weighing room's great professionals. Like many of his colleagues. Llewellyn is an excellent horseman, but as the power in National Hunt racing continues to be concentrated in ever fewer hands, one whose opportunities are often more limited than he has a right to expect. He has also suffered the usual long list of riding injuries, and not only that, he has often broken bones at the worst pos-

sible moment. The months immediately after losing your claim and joining the professional ranks ze the most important of any

young rider's career. The first thing Llewellyn achieved as a senior rider was a broken leg. Nine months later, he returned to work. Two mounts later, he dislocated his elbow, and missed two big winners as a

It was, he says, "character building". But fate paid him back in the end. Both his National victories, on Party Politics in 1992 and Earth Summit last year, came on horses whose regular partners were injured.

Yet despite his success 12 months ago, he was surprised to be booked for Earth Summit last week, in place of Tom Jenks, his rider in every race so far this season.

"After I'd won on him, it wouldn't have been totally out of the question to think I'd have a chance of keeping the ride," Llewellyn says. "But it was immediately stated that Tom was back on him, which was fair enough, and when they won the Becher Chase this season, I discounted him and I was looking around for anoth-

Now, though, he will be able to soak up the atmosphere at Ainfree aboard one of the better fancied runners, and the experience will certainly not be lost on him. Some jockeys know only how to communicate with horses, but Liewellyn is not one

"As you get older, you definitely take a lot more in and you your way around." l says. "Party Politics was a bit of a blur, I got whisked around and it was all over very quickly, but now at each jump and on the run between fences, you can have a hell of a lot going through your mind. You hear the crowd, you see what's going on, how other people are going and jumping, you even know what's fallen and what's gone

There is no great trick to riding Earth Summit, who is a round. Then, at the third fence stayer plain and simple. He does not like lining up in the middle of a big field, so Llewellyn will start on the outside, but otherwise, he will simply hope to jump and stay on like he did last year.

smooth as it could ever get in that ground."



just crept ever slowly closer. and Brad [Graham Bradley. who was on Suny Bay, the eventual runner-up) was doing exactly the same thing, but on the other side of the course.

"We were within a few lengths of each other all the way second time, he put in an extra stride and hit the board of the ditch. That was nasty, and plenty of horses would have fallen, but he landed safely. When I got to the Elbow I was very happy, I knew Sunv Bay wouldn't come "The first circuit was as back with that weight and on

tomless as it has ever been at last fence. Even if he's being I've been thinking about it for Liverpool in recent memory, and unlikely to be repeated a second time in a row. This is enough to persuade some punters that Earth Summit has had second. At 33, Llewellyn will probahis year and does not have the

a century ago. As Llewellyn points out, won a Scottish National on fast ground. "The secret to this ground," he says. "He turned in years. at Avr and went 15 lengths up

shining talent which made Red

Rum the last horse to win con-

secutive Nationals, a quarter of

outpaced on the first circuit on faster ground, he's still in there with a chance. It's not the first two miles that count it's the

bly never have a better chance of a third National. He has also started to look beyond the jockey's life, and is far too smart to do what many riders seem to though, Earth Summit has also do. which is to wake up one morning and decide to retire, but with no idea of what they horse is a marathon trip, not the will actually do for the next 30

"It always surprises me

a lot of years. I've thought of some things, and dismissed others. Training would be one possibility, or something in the media, where you don't have the cold early mornings.

There is no chance, though that Llewellyn will hang up his boots if Earth Summit comes home in front next week. "Definitely not. I've got a good job and I love it and I'm vaguely successful, so why change? If I win it again, I'll appreciate it even more than the last one and I'll milk every moment of it. And

then I'll go for another one."

Giant striding towards Fairyhouse

CELTIC GIANT was reintroduced into the Irish Grand National betting by William Hill vesterday after the nine-yearold was given the go-ahead to run in Monday's marathen at Fairyhouse.

The latest report from the track convinced his trainer, Len Lungo, that the going will be suitable for the winner of the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Chase

at Cheltenham two weeks ago. "He must not have it too soft and after discussing it with the

cided to run," the trainer said."I have spoken to my friend Tony Martin, who is about 15 miles away from the course, and he said that it is faster than the Cheltenham ground. But we haven't decided on a rider as we are likely to have a lot of runners at Carlisle on Monday

Celtic Giant was ridden by talented amateur Bruce Gibson when a 14-length winner at Nock, said yesterday.

and we might use an Irish jock-

owner this morning we have de- Cheltenham. But Lungo warned punters: "There are no guarantees with Celtic Giant as he has a fibrillating heart and we are going for a sporting day out. He showed what he could do at Cheltenham but I would advise all punters that he could jump a few fences and then feel the pinch and not run his race."

Senor El Betrutti could miss the Grand National in favour of a race at Ascot three days earlier, the grey's trainer, Susan

are waiting on the weather." the permit-holder said. "He won't go to Aintree unless it is genumely good ground and I am wondering if it is going to be too soft - it doesn't look very good at the moment."

Bookmakers filled their pockets at Leicester yesterday. ahead of the Easter holiday, as Time N Tide, at 40-1, and 50-1 shot Adirpour obliged in the first two races. Adirpour had

favourite Bettron in the Billesdon Selling Stakes was described by the winning trainer. Reg Hollinshead, as "unbelievable".

Only slightly more credible was the success of Time N Tide, who produced a powerful late burst to collar the well backed 8-11 favourite, Tarawan .close home in the Bescaby Maiden Stakes.

Brian Meehan, the success-

She is worried that the going drawn a blank in his previous ful trainer, went on to clinch a at Aintree will be too soft. "We 23 races and his defeat of the 696-1 double with his new stable jockey Warren O'Connor as Arctic Char later beat Penybont a neck in the final event. "I'm delighted for Warren who is riding for me as stable jockey this season, but Pat Eddery will still be my No 1 rider," Meehan

said IRISH GRAND NATIONAL (William Hill odds): 7-1 Bob Treacy. Celto Gant. Manus The Man. Papillon, 10-1 Glebe Lad, Hollybank Buck, Roundwood 12-1 Feathered Leader, Foschapel King,

RACING RESULTS

28785, Tricast: £53403, Non Runner: Pal of

9 ran. 21/2, 3/4, 4, 2, 1/2 (M Charnon, Upper Lambourn). Tota: win £15.80; places £3.40, £2.00, £1.70. Dual Forecast: £57.90. CSF:

4.40: (7) meiden stakes, 3yo filies)

1. ARCTIC CHARW J O'Connor 16-1 2. Penybont _____M Fenton 9-4 it fav 3. Karowsa _____ J Reid 25-1

Also: 9-4 jt fav Lowndes Court (4th), 9-2 Why Worry Now (5th), 5-1 Tamgeed (6th), 8-1 Lyrist, 25-1 Eleni, 50-1 Silver Gyre. 9 ran. nk, 3, 16, 11/4, 4 (B Meehan, Lambourn). Tota: win £1410; places £2.70; £110, £3.90. Dual Forecast: £5710. Computer Straight Forecast: £50.07.

2. Fantagy Night "Pat Eddery 100-90 fav _A Poli 16-1

11 ran. 2, 114, 6, 21, 3 L. (M Ryan, Navemarket). Tota: win £8.80; piaces £3.70. £140, £3.40. Dual Forecast: £16.60. CSF:

\$490, Computer Straight Forecast: £1897 Kirsch was withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies to board prices only deduc-

3.20: 1. BATOUTOFTHEBLUE IL Chamook) 10-1; 2. Klerana Bridge 13-2; 3. Linea-G 3-1 p fav. 8 ran. 3-1 jf fav Uniform (5th), 11/s, 17s. (W Haugh, Malton), Tote: 59.70; 52.20, 52.80, 51.50, Dual Forecast £128.90. Computer Straight Forecast: 285.79 Tricast: 522183

> 3.50: 1. SWYNFORD DREAM (P Robinson) 10-1; 2. Palacegate Jack 10-1; 3. Lord High Admiral 3-1 fax. 12 ran. hd. 4. (T Etherington, Malton). Tota: £12.00; £3.50. £180, £140. Dual Forecast: £38.10. CSF: 290.97. Tricast: 0345.82 4.20: 1. HIGH TATRA (G Duffield) 3-1 2.

Suave Frankis 11-4 favounte: 3. Sharp Ending 10-1, 6 mm. 8, 2 strained by S Woods, at Newmarket). Total \$450; £190. £190. Dual Forecast: £3.90. Computer Straight Forecast: 5933 4.50: 1. FALLACHAN (P Roberson) 11-4 (a) 2. Col-Woody 10-1: 3. Diletto 6-1. 14 ran.

2. hd. (M. Jarvis, Newmarket), Tota: 5290. £110, £540, £300 Dual Forecast £2110 CSF: £2998 Tricas: £14923 Placepot: £12600. Quadpot: £6150

Gong: Standard

\$110, \$140, Dual Forecast \$28.60 CSF 16893 Auction details. There was no bid for the winner. 2.30: 1. GRACIOUS PLENTY in Shedi

1-14 favourite: 2. Rookie 16-1, 3. Survival Venture 20-1 4 ran. 16 4 (6 Hills) Tote: £110 Dual Forecast £7.50 Computer Straight Forecast, £2.26 Non Runners Rametistown, Sama

3.00: 1. RENDITA (P Doe) 10-1, 2. Compton Akka 7-2; 3. Done And Dusted 4-1 10 ram. B-4 fav Dream On Me (5th) 5, 21 (D Heydn Janes) Tote: £950: £180, £170. £130 Dual Forecast: £2160 CSF £3924 Tricast £153.99 Non Runner Nicholas Mis-

3.30: 1. TALLULAH BELLE iT G McLaugh in) 6-5 fav. 2. Banbury 13-6 3. Opera Buff 8-1, 4 ran. 3, 10, (N Littmaden) Tote: £160 Dual Forecast: £156. Computer Straight Forecast, £327

4.00: 1. BATCHWORTH BELLE (S Carson) 7-2. 2. Antonia's Double 9-1 3, Aljaz 6er) Tote: £430, £200, £390, £290 Dual Forecast £3790. Computer Straight Fore-

2. Kanawa 13-2 3. Slip Jig 10-1 12 ran. 5-1 tav Garmock Valley ≟ nk i G ! Moore: Tote: \$700 \$220 \$250 \$370 Dual Fore cast £4760 Computer Straight Forecast £4447 Tricest, £37071 ran. 1% nk. (J Bridger) Tote: \$2170, \$350.

Wednesday's Tote Placepot dividend at Folkestone was increased 10-fold vesterday after an error was disovered. Rob Hartnett, a Tote spokesman, said that on

Wednesday evening, following technical problems during the afternoon, the organisation became aware that the Placepot dividend might have been wrong. As a result all Placepot bets placed at Folkestone and via Tote Direct and on other courses were investigated and a revised dividend of £492.90, as opposed to £43.80, has been declared. "We apologise to everyone and if anyone has been paid out at the wrong dividend they should contact the Tote directly to make a claim." Hartnett added. There was a knock-on effect to the Tote Quadpot, with the original dividend (£10.10) increased to

Sports Council responds to Walker furore

THE UNITED KINGDOM Sports Council has countered claims that it has mishandled the doping case of Dougle Walker, the 1998 European 200m gold medallist who was suspended on Wednesday pending a UK Athletics hearing into allega-tions that he used the banned

drug nandrolone. Metabolites of the substance were found in Walker's urine sample after an out-of-competition drugs test last December. Nine days ago an independent inquiry considered his case but their findings were not released until Wednesday.

It was exactly four months ago yesterday when Waiker was tested at his Edinburgh home. His lawyer, Nick Bitel, is furning about the delay in dealing with the case and is now even angrier that it could be weeks before his client knows the outcome of the hearing.

Yesterday Bitel claimed they were considering legal action against the Sports Council after having to wait so long for a decision from the inquiry.

The Sports Council has made a strong response to the criticism from Bitel and Walker. Michele Verroken, the Sports Council's director of ethics and anti-doping, said: "To be fair to all athletes, drug issues must be thoroughly investigated by the relevant governing bodies to conclude whether or not an offence has occurred.

BY DAVID MARTIN

Whilst it may not at first sight seem like it, the processes are there to protect the reputation of all athletes and reinforce the strong commitment of the governing body to manage effectively drug misuse in their

"The UK Sports Council remains fully supportive of athletes who want to compete drugfree. We are committed to protecting their reputations. We are also fully supportive of gov-erning bodies who are charged with the responsibility of determining the truth and exercise this responsibility effectively.

We recognise the difficulties often increased by media speculation and comment - of managing doping issues and know that is never going to be an easy task. To assist all parties involved, it is essential that they be allowed to focus upon the facts of the case, rather than be diverted by the confusing and often inaccurate

information circulating. "Such situations do nothing to enhance the credibility of anyone involved."

UK Athletics has still not released the hearing date, but it is determined that it will be sooner rather than later so that Walker, whatever the decision, can be allowed peace of mind.

Giles shines in **England** rout

CALUM GILES, the specialist corner-striker written off by many following the introduction of the no-substitute rule after the award of a penalty corner. continued his remarkable goal scoring run with a hat-trick as

England beat South Africa 6-0. England followed up their 6-2 defeat of the Springboks two days ago with another confident performance in Buenos Aires each match. The side played after Giles had given them a with discipline and determinadream start with two goals in the opening nine minutes.

For his first, after seven minutes he was left with just the goalkeeper to beat following a smart move between Mark Pearn and Danny Hall. His second, a low flick at England's first penalty corner, enabled England to carry the initiative to the interval.

Russell Garcia and Hall increased England's lead with penalty corner conversions midway through the second half before Giles completed his hat-trick with a reverse stick sweep as the ball rebounded off the crossbar from a Jimmy Wallis shot.

Clever approach work by Duncan Woods provided the opportunity for Pearn to comolete the England rout. England will go into today's sec-

BY BILL COLWILL

ond match against Argentina full of confidence. Jon Copp, the assistant coach in charge of yesterday's game, said: "I was very pleased

with the team's performance, continuing to improve with tion, coping well with periods of intense pressure from a much improved South African side." Improved South Arrican side.

ENGLAND: S Triggs (Canterbury). M
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Cullen, G Murray, G Clark, G Nicol, E Smith.
Substitutes used: C Abrahams. D Gallagher.
R Wilson. G Maler. ires: E Ruiz (Arg) and E Saladino

Slough, the English Champions, lead the European Challenge in the women's Club Championship in Den Bosch, Netherlands, along with Edinburgh Ladies. Clifton carry the Cup-Winners' Cup banner in Terrassa, Spain. Beeston will have their first taste of European competition in the men's Cup-Winners' Cup in Amsterdam.



Hingis on course

WHEN MARTINA HINGIS WON the Family Circle Cup in South Carolina two years ago, she was way ahead of the field. Now, her dominance is less clear cut. "Everybody has improved

so much," said Hingis, the tournament's top seed who beat Sylvia Plischke 6-3, 7-5 in her first match on Wednesday. "The Williams sisters, Lindsay [Davenport] took over No 1 for a while. There are so many more dangerous players to watch

out for." However, as many of them have decided to pass on the event, Hingis seems to have the inside track to the tournament title with Serena Williams and * Davenport out with injuries. and Venus Williams' decision

not to compete. However, Hingis may be second-seed, No 6, Patty Schny- *tralian Open.

der and No 10 Conchita Martinez. They all advanced into the third round, as did Silvia Farina and the No 14 seed. Elena Likhovtseva. Iva Majoli defeated the No 9 seed, Irina Spirlea, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 in Wednesday's evening match.

Hingis rose to No 1 at this tournament in 1997 and, when it was over, had extended her streak to 31 straight match victories and six straight championships.

She was 16 years old, won three of the four Grand Slams that year and finished with a tour-best 75 match wins.

Last year. Hingis learned it wasn't that easy to stay on top. She won five times, down from her 12 titles a year earlier, and challenged by Monica Seles, the took only one major, the Aus-

LEICESTER Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places)

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2. Settoot ______R Hagnes 3-1 tile
3. Holloway Melody ____O Kilcotrus 14-1 Also ran: 5-1 Ambitious (5th), 5-1 Birch-Also ram: 5-1 Anthonous, Sant, 5-1 Great-wood Sun, 10-1 Rotley Sphmey, 12-1 Fonce, Lany, 14-1 Ipcrase FBW, 25-1 Commous-officing (8th), 25-1 Santy: Shore, 33-1 thesome Venture, 33-1 Coldinar Gossp. 54-1 Johnny Staccato (4th), 33-1 Mustrix Physics, 33-1 Overcome, 40-1 Cheerfid, Groom, 50-1 My Kind, 66-7 Docklands

18 mm. 2 /s. nk, 2 /s. 6, head. (trained by R Holistend, at Upper Longdon). Total win \$33.20; places \$480; £2.70, £5.70. Dual Forecast: 257:80: Computer Straight Fore-cast: 2159:01. Non Purmers: Magic Powers 3.10: (tm 3f 183yds, handicap) 1. THROWERC Cogen 8-1

Also rat: 5-1 River Captain (8th), 6-1 Count de Money, 9-1 Plying Filo (8th), 12-1 Children's Choice, 12-1 Kintavi, 14-1 Cad-max, 14-1 Moorraking, 14-1 Rear Window (eth), 16-1 Shaimites, 16-1 State Approval, (41h), 16-1 Sha 33-1 Minjara. 14 ren. 1%, 2%, 9, 6, 1%, IS Brookshaw, Ulfington), Total win £960; places £460, \$2.30, \$7.80. Dual Forecast \$26.90. Computer Straight Forecast \$38.05. Tricast

3.40: (Im 21, henoicap) ...P McCabe 13-2

Alee ren: 6-1 Haydn James, 7-1 Swinging The Bluss, 8-1 Respond, 9-1 Polar School (6th), 10-1 Sustach, 14-1 Be My Weh, 20-1 Needwood Mystic (6th), 20-1 Regal Brid-

4.10: (7f, herdicap, 3yo)
1. CAPTAIN MILLER ____ A Mackey 11-1
2. Remission _____ M Featon 8-1
____ M Henry 8-1 Aleo: 7-2 to Zubi (4th); 4-1 Rex is Ckiry, 9-2 Hound For Pleasure, 6-1 Yous Les Jours (Sth), 16-1 Jack Tiger, 40-1 April Ace (Sth).

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sav) 8-1: 2. Lord Beakes evers favouris:

3. Desert Satari 4-1, 9 ran. head, 37... (J Berry, Cockerham). Tota: win 58.30;

Maces £180, £110, £180. Dual Forecast:

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1.8 ran. 2-1 tay Tear White cast £32.73 Tricast: £218.70 4.30: 1. STOPPES BROW (R Brisland) 6:

Plecepot, £6690 Quadpot: £5000

Defiant Hartson believes Welsh can still qualify WALES MAY have experienced nothing but disappointment against the Sviss in Zurites, with just five one with the east two games. The last 20 minutes as Wales for Doinh Bartson, their hope and 20 intellectory and 50 intellectory to many 20 in the Letzigrund Stadium and surrendered experienced of publifying for Euro 2000 are far rom over. Wednesday night but, according to John Bartson, their hope and 20 in the Letzigrund Stadium and surrendered experienced or publifying for Euro 2000 are far rom over. Wednesday night's results Wednesday night with really special. Every one is really disappointed by the games in the points from five games. "It will be a real disappoint." It will be a real disappoint. The special control of the points from five games. "It will be a real disappoint." The special control of the points from five games. "It will be a real disappoint."

The Wimbledon striker, who has yet to score a goal in 1999, finally made his international comeback after a year's absence from the Welsh squad. And he believes that Wales can still pull off two surprises in June when they face Italy and Den-

ond place to their hosts in Group One. However, with Belarus drawing away to the group leaders, Italy, the equa-

tion is wide open again. Hartson said: "It's not all over, we can still qualify. We had such high hopes when we came out for the game; the preparation has been excellent and

have tightened up the group and leave any one of Switzerland, Wales or Denmark with a chance of reaching the play-offs.

Hartson said: "It was terrible to lose the way we did to the Swiss - so much seemed to go against us, with our goalkeeper, Paul Jones, getting injured, and later having a goal disal-

spot. But things can change very quickly in this group, as we have already seen. Another disappointment for

Wales is that Robbie Savage's booking will rule him out of the trip to Bologna on 5 June. Northern Ireland's lain Dowie knows his hopes of playing in the finals of a major

Championship.

chance to fulfil those dreams. but Wednesday night's goalless draw against Moldova in Chisinau has all but put paid to Irish chances of qualification. They now stand fourth in the

he admitted. "It would have been nice if we could have kept Euro 2000 was his last the group alive against Moldova. We now have to go and beat Turkey at home, beat Germany away and beat Finland away.

Group Three, four points behind the joint leaders. Ger-

"We want to get as many points as we can to help our seeding for the World Cup draw." Dowie, who remains just

one goal short of equalling Colin Clarke's Northern Ireland record of 13, is not ready to hang up his boots just yet. Despite his 34 years, the "It's not totally beyond us, Queen's Park Rangers striker but it's a bit of a pipe-dream. remains Northern Ireland's The three points would have main forward and he will not kept the pot bubbling, but to be

accuse me of that in these last two games against Germany and Moldova - I will be the first to say so. Likewise if Lawrie decides it's time to move on to fresher pastures, I will accept that because I have a great re-

lationship with Lawrie and he's

McAllister's rough ride hurts Brown

GARY McALLISTER'S interna- BY PHIL SHAW tional career, which has brought him 57 caps and has seen him become Scotland's outstanding player of the 1990s. hangs in the balance today as Craig Brown considers his response to the home supporters' booing of his captain during Wednesday's 2-1 home defeat by the Czech Republic.

The setback at Celtic Park effectively ended the Scots' hopes of reaching Euro 2000 as winners of Group Nine. Qualification via the play-offs for sectheir most realistic route to the finals. But whatever twists remain in the campaign, the Scotland manager intimated yesterday that McAllister might not be around to influence events.

"Gary McAllister is not a quitter," Brown said, as perplexed by the treatment of the Coventry playmaker as he was angered and saddened. "However, he wouldn't be the first player to say: Enough is

Brown continued: "I have to make a decision in terms of the and tries to be creative. He team. The individual is impor- never takes the soft option." tant and I have always been loyal, but it is a team game, and I have to take hard decisions

"Out of respect, I would not Poborsky, Berger and compamake that decision without ny in Prague on 9 June, they first consulting the player People assume nowadays that footballers are just wealthy and lister is left out or even retires big-headed, but they are ordinary people. I'm conscious of the fact Gary has family who will have been very hurt by the

Brown, who discovered McAllister had left the stadium

by the time he finished his post-match press conference. plans to discuss the situation with him over the weekend. While Scotland have few enough players of his experience and quality, Brown may decide it would be in the interests of the individual and the team if he were no longer considered.

The jeering started around the hour mark after McAllister lost possession with the Czechs ond-placed sides now appears 2-0 up. The former Leeds player, making his comeback for his country after a 15-month absence during which he missed the World Cup finals due to a cruciate-ligament injury, looked shocked. He was soon substituted for what Brown termed "purely tactical reasons".

The abuse was all the more disappointing, said Brown, because McAllister invariably demonstrates leadership and commitment. Moreover, he does not hide when, as on Wednesday, he is below par. "Gary always wants the ball

Before Scotland's next visit to the Faroe Islands four avs before the return with face Germany in a friendly in Bremen on 28 April. If McAlfrom international football and at 34 he could not be expected to soldier on indefinitely - it would be a tawdry end to a nine-year tour of

national duty. He is not the first to be bear tions; remarkable as it may now seem, Kenny Dalglish was once singled out. Nor, argue those who have not noticed that the era of Baxter, Bremner and Celtic's Lisbon Lions has long since ended, is he the most exciting, aggressive or typically "Scottish" of players.

Yet he has few equals in combining industry and invention - among his compatriots, only John Collins comes close technically - and it is difficult to know what he has done to offend people. Some suggest it was having a penalty saved by David Seaman against England at Euro 96. If so, his detractors have highly selective memories as well as petty minds. When Scotland next received a spot-kick, in Belarus, he had the "bottle" to score the only goal of a match critical to their prospects of going to France 98.

Gordon Strachan, his club manager, first noticed the vilification when Coventry played a friendly at Dunfermline. "What right do these people have to do that? What have they ever done for Scottish football? If you put them all group fixtures, which include a together, their patriotism wouldn't equal Gary's," he said, revealing that McAllister often joined up with the Scotland squad carrying knocks that would prompt most players to drop out.

> Brown, although justifiably consoled by the form of certain members of a new generation, notably Neil McCann and David Hopkin, would be advised not to bow to ignorance and intolerance by acting in haste over McAllister.



Scotland's Gary McAllister (left) tangles with Tomas Votava of the Czech Republic on Wednesday

France guard against Russia

ROGER LEMERRE, the France coach, was a a happy man after his side's 2-0 win over Armenia, not least because the game was ideal preparation for the next European Championship qualifier at home to Russia, as both opponents have a similar

The world champions, having been held 0-0 at the Stade de France by their chief group rivals Ukraine on Saturday, emerged better than expected from their back-to-back Group Four qualifiers. While France were beating the Armenians, Ukraine dropped two points in a surprise 1-1 draw at home against Iceland, allowing the French to join them at the top of the group. of the group. "It's a good result against

Armenia, a team who played their own game against us," Lemerre said on Thursday. "That didn't surprise me because seven or eight of their players play in Russia. Besides, Armenia and Russia have more or less the same game.

"I fear Russia at home on June more than our trip to Ukraine [in September] because the match against the Russians will be more open. Let's not forget they gave us a tough time."

France beat Russia 3-2 in Moscow in October, virtually putting paid to their hopes of qualifying. But the fourthians have the shility to influence the outcome of the group.

"We must keep the players motivated during the two months before the [Russia] match," Lemerre said. "We'll have to find friendlies."

Lemerre said he was not concerned about the possibility of his players picking up an injury during Jean-Pierre Papin's testimonial at Marseilles' Velo-

drome on 30 May. The French team are very keen to take part in Papin's jubilee. It will be the team's big re-assembly before the match against Russia." he said.

Lemerre found plenty to please him in attack on Wednesday, even though several good chances were scorned

"Against Ukraine on Saturday, the French did not perhaps have the courage to go full out for victory... against Armenia I felt there was a bit more

France had three recognised central strikers on the pitch in the second half -Arsenal's Nicolas Anelka, Sylvain Wiltord and David Trezeguet - but failed to add to

their two first-half goals. They missed the vision of their playmaker Zinedine Zidane - the Juventus midfielder did not play in either match because of a knee injury.

Poland facing the threat of Euro 2000 expulsion



Serbian Sasa Drakulic makes his point after scoring in a South Korean league match on Wednesday

POLAND HAVE been ordered by BY MARK BRADLEY Fifa, football's world governing body to resolve a dispute

tion within the next week. If England's Euro 2000 qualifying group rivals fail to settle the long-running internal wrangle by 8 April, the maximum possible penalty would be the suspension of the national association and possible expulsion from the Euro 2000 qualifying stages. However, Fifa, which could also simply impose a fine, is unwilling to dis-

between the country's sports

ministry and football associa-

cuss the likely outcome. The dispute, which dates back to last summer, centres around the Polish FA's unwilldemocratic elections after

months of alleged mismanagement - something the sports ministry had requested. On 12 March, Fifa's executive committee ordered the Polish FA to hold elections as soon as possible, only to be told that these would not take place until the end of next year.

The world governing body therefore stepped up the pressure on the Polish FA on 26 March by setting a deadline of next Thursday, by which time a date for elections must be set.

The British Embassy in Budapest said yesterday that there is no reason why England's friendly with Hungary cannot go ahead as planned. The game has been in doubt because

of the conflict in the Balkans, there is bombing going on so we founded. "What has happened which adjoins Hungary, but an Embassy spokesman said suggestions of a possible postponement of the friendly game have emanated from Britain. "We have not heard anything here at all," the spokesman said. "The people here are quite excited about seeing England play here. There have been no

lem here." Yugoslavia's football association has suspended its domestic league programme in the wake of the Nato air strikes, but insists the national team will not be thrown out of the European

calls for the game to be called

off. It is safe to travel to

Budapest and there is no prob-

Championship. "We cannot play football while will not be playing this weekend." the Yugoslav FA secretary, Branko Bulatovic, said yester-

He added that Yugoslavia would remain in the European Chamoionship qualifying competition despite speculation that military activity in the area would force a re-think by Uefa, the European governing body.

Uefa has so far postponed six matches in the region involving Yugoslavia and neighbouring teams, fuelling reports that the country would be unable to resume its qualifying campaign Uefa's Euro 2000 chief, Guido Tognoni, said on Monday that Yugoslavia remained eligible to play, and Bulatovic insisted that reports to the contrary were un-

semi-finalists, Newcastie.

needs to inform Europe's gov-

John Gregory, would be a reluctant participant - it would

mean starting the season in

long as there are no sanctions, there is no doubt about our participation," he said.

doesn't affect the national team."

he said. "We don't have a prob-

lem with Fifa or Uefa. In fact, we

have just received a fax from Uefa

assuring us our position is safe."

United Nations sanctions were

in place this time, unlike in 1992

when Yugoslavia were disqual-

ified from the European Cham-

pionship finals in Sweden. "As

Bulatovic stressed that no

Bulatovic also said the national federation had nothing to do with the sporadic walk-outs by individual Yugoslav players with European clubs. "What the players do as far as their clubs are concerned is up to them," he said. "We have issued no dictat."

Patmore the pride of England's semi-pros Villa's InterToto option tional level, and his striking partner, Neil Grayson, of Chel-ASTON VILLA may apply to take part in the InterToto Cup Patmore had already found

A FIRST-HALF goal from War-ren Patmore, the burly Yeovil Town striker, earned England's semi-professional international team a 1-1 draw with the Netherlands in Tuesday's friendly in Genemuiden.

The result, which followed last month's 4-1 win over Italy at Hayes, means that the Eng. land side have yet to taste defeat this season. They will be seeking to extend that record in the campaign's third and last international, against Wales at St Albans City on Sunday, 23 May.

The squad for the annual game against the Weish will also represent the Football Association in a fixture against Scotland's Highland League XI on Friday, 21 May, at Chesham United. Among the play-

NOTEBOOK

BY RUPERT METCALF

ers hoping to take part in those two matches will be three men who answered late call-ups to face the Dutch this week.

A series of injuries meant that John Owens, the England manager, was unable to reselect the side which beat the Italians. The experienced Cheltenham Town midfielder, Mark Yates, was replaced by Yeovil's captain, Steve Stott, while another Yeovil player, Murray Fishlock, came in for another man from Cheltenham, Dale Watkins, Nuneaton Borough's Barry Williams stood in for Simon Wormull of Dover

the net with a fifth-minute header, which was disallowed for pushing, before he gave England the lead in the 34th minute. Again he used his head, to meet a cross from Doncaster Rovers' right-back Simon Shaw at the far post. The home team equalised in the 51st minute when a long shot was deflected past the Cheltenham goal-

keeper, Steve Book. Owens felt that England had done enough to win. "We controlled the first half, apart from a 15-minute spell," he said, "and although the second half was more even, as the Dutch were more positive, we still created the more promising openings.

Owens was particularly

pleased with Patmore, whose

goal was his first at interna-

tenham. "They make a very effective pair," the manager said. "When you're constructing a team you look for particqualities, and they complement each other very well.

tenham team-mates will be concentrating on club rather than international football over the Easter weekend. In one of the biggest Nationwide Conference games of the season, the Gloucestershire side travto Northamptonshire tomorrow to take on Rushden & Diamonds.

one point adrift. ular attitudes and a mix of Grayson and his Chel-

While Cheltenham were winning 1-0 at Emley last weekend to reach the semi-finals of the FA Umbro Trophy, they slipped

from first to third place in the Conference as a result of Rushden's 0-0 draw at Kettering. Rushden now lead the league on goal difference from Kettering, with Cheltenham just Cheltenham have one game

in hand on Rushden and four in hand on Kettering, so a home win is vital tomorrow for the Nene Park outfit. "The boys are ready for it," the Diamonds' manager, Brian Talbot, said. "It should be a full house [of around 6,000] and we're looking forward to it." On Monday Cheltenham

July - and is to have further talks entertain Kidderminster Harwith Ellis over the weekend. riers while Rushden travel to Ellis said: "Because the start Woking. Kettering are away to of the season is so early it is not too much different from going Leek Town tomorrow and at on tour. We had planned to do home to Stevenage Borough two days later. that between 17 and 24 July and

could play in this competition instead." after Uefa's decision to award Gregory said: "Europe is a a European spot to the FA Cup

minimum requirement for a club of Villa's stature. It has Villa, who go into action today been a necessity to qualify and inst West Ham, are 10 points the club have been a regular [in adrift of the fourth spot which is European competition) for the needed to guarantee qualifica. past five or six years. Ideally tion via the Premier League. you wouldn't want to take part but the InterToto Cup represents a route into Europe if we The Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, erning body of Villa's interest by fail to do it through the league. 7 April, but the club's manager,

"I suppose you could say it is impossible to turn down because of the money that Europe generates and the carrot of attracting players. Teams who have taken part in the InterToto Cup have gone on to have good runs in the Uefa Cup. Bordeaux got to the finals two years ago and Bologna are in this season's

As West Ham prepared yes-terday for their visit to Villa Park, Harry Redknapp, never afraid to take a gamble on a controversial player, revealed how he once tried to sign Stan Collymore for West Ham. The Villa striker will be missing from today's game after being

"I was looking at Stan for a very long time," said Redknapp. "He was playing for Crystal Palace reserves and was available for £50,000. I must have watched him a dozen times.

Then I sent Frank Lampard to have a look at him and in the end I decided against buying him. He moved on to Southend soon after - so look at the money I've lost out on!"

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gramme of Bank Holiday fixtures, it is Wigan, who stage Central Park's last ever Good Friday derby against St Helens today, who have the reinforcements grouping on the horizon.

Games on either side of the weekend will test the deoth and quality of squads, but Wigan have the boost of having Denis Betts ready to return against Wakefield on Monday. The Great Britain second-rower out since rupturing a knee last season, has come safely through 20 minutes of a reserve game against Saints. With Tony Smith also waiting in the wings, Wigan NJER LEMERAL the Plate are one team growing in act, was a a happy manal strength over Easter.

The same however cannot

The same, however, cannot be said of Saints, who have something of a forward crisis building up. Vila Matautia and Chris Joynt are both likely to miss today's noon kick-off, along with Paul Davidson, who is suspended, and the out of favour Phil Adamson, who has injured a hand in the reserves. Although Ellery Hanley is playing his cards closer to his chest than ever for his return to a ground where he was a legend as a player, the young forwards

Jonkers are likely to play a part.

By DAVE HADFIELD

Today is the first test for the heightened profile the London Broncos hope to gain from qualifying for Wembley in such unforgettable style last weekend. The club reports long queues for Cup final tickets, but maximising the benefit from their achievement depends on maintaining their form between now and the start of May. The only unbeaten side in Britain entertain Hull today and the London coach, Dan Stains, calls it "a real test of our mental toughness in putting aside the emotion of last weekend's result".

Matt Salter will start in place of another Londoner, Dominic Peters, with Shane Millard moving to the second row, while Ady Spencer and Glen Air could be fit to return via the bench, from which Anthony Seibold could make his first appearance for the club.

It is also a highly significant day for the Gateshead Thunder. After losing two opening matches, against Leeds and St Helens, that they could not have been Andy Leathern and Tim seriously expected to win, the

visit of Wakefield is a match in which they must perform convincingly if they are to start building their credibility in the North-east. Deon Bird is out injured and David Maiden, a north Queenslander from Cairns with real pace at his disposal, will make his debut for the Thunder.

Salford, whose latest crisis was precipitated by defeat at Wakefield two weeks ago, field a much-changed team at home to Warrington, Martin Crompton is dropped in favour of Carl Briggs at scrum-half, winger Mark Johnson is also left out and Hudson Smith is injured. With club disciplinary measures still hanging over him, a bad defeat could leave the Salford coach, Andy Gregory, on even thinner ice.

Castleford must get over the bitter disappointment of their semi-final defeat when Halifax visit tonight, while Sheffield and Huddersfield will both be seeking their first points of the season at the Don Valley Stadium.

New Zealand are insisting that Richie Blackmore, who missed Leeds' game at Bradford last night with a recurrence of his groin injury, must play for them in their Test in Sydney eight days before the Challenge Cup final



Meanwhile, Gloucester's tricky penultimate red, when The Oakland Athletics shortstop, Miguel Tejada, jumps over Keith Luuloa, of the Anaheim Angels, during a early from prison has been Nick Pearce will face Darren forced to use the rest on 104. | pre-season baseball friendly in Arizona on Wednesday. The Athletics suffered a 17-3 loss

Free role for Reynolds

DEAN REYNOLDS was pleased just to be able to play Joe Johnson at the Embassy World Championship qualifying com-

petition in Telford yesterday. The Grimsby left-hander as a free man to compete in e game's blue riband event only after receiving special dispensation from prison authorities. Reynolds, released from Morton Hall open prison two weeks ago after serving a jail term for drink-driving, was forced to play with an electronic tag around his ankie. However, the 7pm house curiew imposed when Reynolds was released

has severed links with Frank

Warren, Richie Woodhall, hold-

er of the World Boxing Council

super-middleweight title, has

departed after less than two

Woodhall has terminated

years in the promoter's stable.

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Warren, following in the recent

Spotsteps of Prince Naseem

amed, and has cited irrecon-

waived while he plays in the

£1.4m tournament

Reynold looked determined to make the most of his time out of the house when his marathon match against Johnson was suspended to allow the next session of matches to begin on time. It meant that Reynolds, leading 9-5, still required one more frame to set up a meeting with Jimmy White today when a place in the 10-8 win over Australia's Quinchampionship proper at the ten Hann. Lardner potted 13 Crucible will be at stake.

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cilable differences. A state-

ment released by the fighter's

lawyers said: "Richie Wood-

hall has today given notice to

Mr Frank Warren of termina-

tion of two agreements, namely

a promoter-boxer agreement

and a manager-boxer agree-

ment. Richie Woodhall will now

be self-managed."

Morgan for a trip to Sheffield today, following a remarkable 10-7 victory over Gary Ponting.

Pearce, a former male model, arrived half an hour late for vesterday's opening session after misreading the start time. As a result, he was docked three frames but rallied to trail only 5-4 overnight and pulled away on the resumption.

John Lardner, of Glasgow, came close to compiling a maximum break in his surprise reds with blacks but missed a

Woodhall severs links with Warren

May 1997 with Warren, who

promised the Telford fighter a

second world title chance after

his failure to win the WBC mid-

dleweight crown from Keith

Holmes while with Mickey Duff.

with Duff when he chose to link

up with Warren, then went on

Malinga in March last year in

to beat Thulane "Sugar Boy"

Woodhall, out-of-contract

The 30-year-old signed up in front of his home crowd at the

Double target for Scantlebury

international, Peter Scantlebury, is hoping for for a double celebration tonight when he becomes the first player to make his 500th Budweiser League appearance, playing for Sheffield Sharks in the championship decider at Manchester Giants.

The title will be settled in what is the final game of the regular season for both teams. after the Giants' title hones were resurrected by Sheffield's defeat at Chester Jets last

Scantlebury said: "Playing in my 500th game means a lot, but not as much as winning the league. This would be the icing on the cake. It just seems amazing it has come down to this last game: that means so much."

Scantlebury began the season on 466 games, tied with the retired Ken Nottage, and made 11 appearances for Newcastle

BASKETBALL BY RICHARD TAYLOR

Eagles before transferring to Sheffield, where he has added a further 22.

Scantlebury won the league title with Thames Valley Tigers in 1994 alongside Tony Holley, who plays against him tonight for Manchester.

Midweek results have clarified the play-off positions. The Tigers' 96-80 win over Leicester guarantees them third place, with London Towers now certain to finish fourth.

The Sharks, Giants, Tigers and Towers will have home advantage for the best-of-three play-off quarter-finals. Derby Storm, Birmingham Bullets, the Eagles and Greater London Leopards complete the last eight, with the pairings being decided by this weekend's results.

French official faces charges

By BERT LAUWERS in Brussels

THE LATEST round of damaging allegations connecting cycling with doping offences became public yesterday, when France's leading two officials appeared before the magistrate investigating the Tour de France drugs scandal.

At a hearing in Lille the president of the French Cycling Federation, Daniel Baal, who is also the deputy president of the governing International Cycling Union, was charged with "complicity in helping others to obtain and use illegal performance enhancing substances".

The Tour director, Jean-Marie Leblanc, was also questioned by magistrate Patrick Keil, but was not charged.

The developments in Lille came on the same day as riders and management of the world's leading team, Mapei, were cleared of doping allegations following the discovery of banned amphetamines. However according to a Belgian public prosecutor an Italian masseur with the Italian-Belgian team was still being held in custody last night in connection with the discovery of five flasks of amphetamines which had been mailed from the riders' hotel to Italy.

The Mapei riders were taken out of the De Panne three-day race earlier yesterday and held for questioning. "I can already state that management of the Mapei group is not involved in this case. The inquiry has made this clear." Louis Denecker, a Belgian public prosecutor, said.

"As far as the riders are concerned, they understand the situation very well because it is also important for them that they came out of this without any reproach."

Denecker alleged that the Italian masseur had tried to send the amphetamines to a compatriot who once had ties with Mapei, but he declined to give further details. The amphetamines were discovered in a video cassette box at Brussels airport. The Mapei riders, including the race leader and Belgian champion, Tom Steels. were forced to follow police. who halted the race.

The first part of the stage was later cancelled after other teams retired in sympathy with the Mapei team, but the second leg went ahead without the Mapei riders, who also included the world No 1. Michele Bartoli, and the former world champion, Johan Museeuw. The team's hotel rooms were also searched by police and urine samples taken.

There are fears that some races in the forthcoming World Cup series - including next week's Tour of Flanders and the Paris-Roubaix race on 11 April - could be deprived of a number of leading riders because of continuing drugs investigations. A number of Spanish teams, led by ONCE, are reluctant to race in France for fear of police harassment.

The Baal and Leblanc hearings were apparently prompted by a number of confessions by riders to Keil in recent weeks. According to a police source close to the case, the magistrate wanted to widen his investigation to demonstrate that the whole world of cycling was aware of doping and failed to take action.

Sydney removes Coles from relay duties

PHIL COLES, the International Olympic Committee member was yesterday stripped of his duties organising the 100-day Olympic Torch relay, which will set the 2000 Games in motion, by the Sydney organising com-

Coles, a 67-year-old former Olympic kayaker, narrowly escaped expulsion from the IOC last month for having accepted free holidays in Salt Lake City.

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He now faces a further inquiry over allegations that he received gold and diamond jewellery from someone connected with Athens' failed bid for the 1996 Games, allegations he de-

As an IOC member, Coles is guaranteed a seat on the board of SOCOG, the Sydney organising committee, but Michael

Knight, the SOCOG president, pushed through a motion yesterday that Coles be removed from the committee organising the relay.

"All I wanted to do was contribute to the games being a success and particularly the torch relay." Coles told Sydney's Radio 2UE. "Apparently everyone knew this was one way of hurting me and I must say they've been successful."

squad for the fourth and final Test

against Australia, which starts in Antigua tomorrow. Shivnarine Chan-

derpaul was again left out because

of injury. Australia may be without their fast bowler Jason Gillespie be-

cause of a back injury he picked up

on the last day of the third Test.
WEST INDIES SOUAD: S L Campbell, A

Knight said that as Coles had already stepped down from all vestigated him he had not been past two months. "We need to be moving forward, we need a chairperson of that committee that's available both in New South Wales and interstate," Knight said, referring to attempts to raise public interest in the relay.

Telford Ice Rink to take the

in September with a majority

verdict over Glenn Catley and

then against the Italian Vincenzo

Nardiello in February, whose

corner threw in the towel mid-

The biggest pay-day of

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Successful defences followed

super-middleweight title.

an embarrassment to the IOC. Games duties while the IOC in- which tried to put bribery scandals behind it at a special taking care of the relay for the meeting in Lausanne last month.

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fication battle against the World

Boxing Organisation champion.

Joe Calzaghe, later this year.

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is who will promote his next

fight, with Hamed's forthcom-

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later this month being staged as

Woodhall will now be self-

That meeting saw six IOC members expelled for accepting gifts or cash from Salt Lake City Olympic officials. Four other IOC members have resigned in the organisation's worst crisis.

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UNIVERSITY GAMES

England's students retained the Halifax British University Games title after four days of competition at Loughborough against their coun-terparts from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Bryan Bronson, the American 400

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metres hurdles champion, has been suspended after a positive drugs test in Rome last July. Speaking from the International Amateur Athletic Federation headquarters in Monaco, spokesman Glorgio Reineri said a urine sample from Bronson had contained abnormal steroid concen-

TODAY'S NUMBER

The home games lamaica's footballers have gone without defeat. The Reggae Boyz beat Paraguay 3-0 in Kingston on Wednesday with help

from a fifth-minute

goal by Wimbledon's

Marcus Gayle

NBA: Detroit 87 Boston 72; Washington 84 Orlando 73; Milwaukee 102 Charlotte 94; Phoenk 93 Golden State 78; Portland ESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Bud-CRICKET

BASKETBALL

West Indies have added the uncapped batsman, Wavell Hinds, to their

FOOTBALL

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John O'Hara League Cup final: Burgess Hill Town v Saltdean Utd (11.0) (or Reccebourg).

Crewe v Birmingham (5.0) SECOND DIVISION

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ARNOTT INSURANCE NTH LEAGUE First Division: Jarrow Roofing v South Shields (11.0); West Auckland v Shiidor (3.0).

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NORTHERN FORD Premiership: Bat ley v Dewsbury (7 30): Doncaster v Oldham (7,30); Hull K R v York (3 0). Hunslet v Bramley (7.30): Keighley v Featherstone (7.30); Lancashire Lynx v Barrow (3.0); Leigh v Widnes (3.0) Swinton v Rochdale (3.0): Workington v Whitehaven (3.0).

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BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Milton keynes Li ons v Derby Storm (4.0). Manchester G ands v Westfield Sharks Sheffield (2.0)

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Duval takes a grip in the rain Duval's biggest problem this Faldo was as optimistic in his denoting an area of ground

DAVID DUVAL'S preparations for next week's US Masters went awry yesterday. It was not so much the early morning fog which delayed play in the first round of the BellSouth Classic for two hours, more that once visibility had been regained the saturated nature of the TPC at Sugarloaf course

became apparent. Just as many on the US tour have been complaining about the hard and fast nature of the greens around the circuit this season, Mother Nature took things into her own hands with Wednesday's rain, which con-

BY ANDY FARRELL in Duluth, Georgia

tinued throughout the night. Soft and receptive, the greens were back to how most of the pros prefer them. Duval was as ready as anyone to take advantage and after going to the turn in one under par, he hit

birdies at the 10th, 11th and 12th. But the conditions were the exact opposite of what the new world No 1 was hoping for with Augusta in mind. "It is a scheduling thing more than anything

else why I decided to play here," Duval, a graduate of nearby Georgia Tech University, said. But if you are going to play the week before Augusta, this is a great place to play. You have the big, undulating greens and they will be quick."

Instead, Duval had to adjust to a slower pace after coping with the granite-like surfaces last week at the Players' Championship and which will again be a feature at the Masters. Conditions at Sawgrass, the US tour's headquarters where Duval's winning score of three under was the highest in the 18

years the event has been played there, were too much for some players. A players' meet ing during the event appointed a committee to look at the way courses are set up.

"The feedback we got before was to make the greens harder and faster," Davis Love, a member of the US tour's policy board, said. "Now, guys are going back the other way, saying they're too firm and fast. No matter what you do, you can't make everybody happy."

While Duval seeks his first major championship next week, his father, Bob. who every week."

recorded his maiden win on the Seniors' Tour in a remarkable double for the Duval family on Sunday, could get there first. Bob plays in the Tradition tournament, the first major on the Seniors' circuit, this week and, after watching his son for the first two days at the Masters, the PGA Seniors' Champi-

onship in two weeks' time. "If I could win a major before David, it would be great," said Bob Duval, who lost \$100 (264) to his son in a week of practice a fortnight ago. "Lately he has been armed and dangerous

week is coping with the affects of such an intense week. "Last week was so mentally taxing it felt like playing two or three tournaments," he said. "This week seems to be going so quickly. Getting ready to play was the hardest part. I haven't Championship. practised so much and I'll get away from the course as quickly as I can. You have to make sure you remain fresh and that you don't get to the

point where you dread it all." Quite when, or if, Nick Faldo will ever get to that point is anyone's guess. Prior to the event

words, as he has always remained throughout a slump that has seen him drop to 97th in the world, 21st in Europe and 11th in Britain. But at the sixth hole came a sign that there are lasting affects from his disqualification from the Players'

On Sunday, Faldo let Corey Pavin inadvertently talk him in to a wrong drop, an error which was only discovered on the next hole. On this occasion, Faldo's ball ended up in casual water. In taking a free drop, the ball came to rest on a line

With the option to play the ball as it lay or drop again, Faldo was about to play it when again a fellow player, Billy Andrade, intervened. Taking no chances, Faldo waited as the others completed the hole for a referee to arrive. who confirmed that the Englishman had acted correctly.

Faido was one under after 11 holes, while Ian Woosnam did similarly while playing the course the other way round Colin Montgomerie and Jose Maria Olazabal were among the late afternoon starters.

Hotel owner steps in to save Oxford

THE LONDON hotelier Firoz Kassam yesterday stepped in to rescue First Division Oxford

Kassam has acquired the controlling shareholding in the club from the former chairman Robin Herd following successful negotiations with Oxford City Council over proposals to complete United's half-built new stadium.

The club said in statement: "Mr Kassam is delighted with the progress that has been made with Oxford City Council regarding the proposed development of the Minchery Farm

Oxford's new 15,000-seater stadium has remained derelict since work stopped two years ago following a dispute over payments. The Football League chief executive Richard Scudamore said he was delighted that Oxford had been saved.

Rangers have signed the United States captain, Claudio Reyna, in a £2.25m deal, but face an anxious wait to discover when he can play for them. The Glasgow club agreed terms with two clubs for Reyna in a paying the German club Wolfsburg £250,000 compensation for the loss of the midfield player who has been with them on loan this season.

There is an additional cost of £2m to fellow Germans Bayer Leverkusen, who held the 25year old's registration. They

By Alan Nixon

will be paid the money shortly. However, both the Scottish Football Association and the Scottish Football League were in discussions yesterday about whether the transfer was completed before the deadline at midnight on Wednesday.

They are paying particular attention to the situation because of the administration error surrounding Jorge Cadete's move to Celtic two years ago which led to the departure of the SFA secretary, Jim Farry.

Macclesfield have denied any approach for their manager Sammy McIlroy from Nottingham Forest. The former Northern Ireland international had been linked with a move to the City Ground to replace

Southampton have been given a £3.5m grant by the Football Trust to help build their new stadium. The Premiership club were finally given permission complicated deal. They are for a new 32,000 seater stadium at St Mary's, just outside the city centre, and applied to the Trust to assist them.

The Tottenham defender Ramon Vega will miss the rest of the season after fracturing a bone in his foot in the League Cup final success at Wembley.

Brown's dilemma, page 28 Greg Rusedski serves to his team-mate Tim Henman at the NIA, Birmingham, in preparation for the Davis Cup tie against the United States

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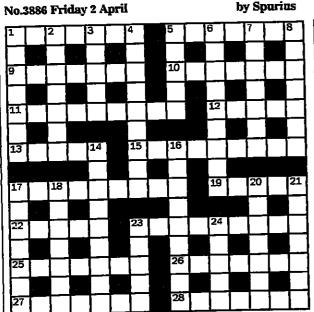
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ONE HUNDRED years of Davis Cup history landed on the heads of the United States team here yesterday. Fortuin Birmingham nately it was only a poster that came unstuck on a wall as the players were being interviewed in the National Indoor Arena. where the tie against Britain in

the first round of the World Group starts today. The American media have tended to play down the significance of the occasion, particularly since Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi ruled themselves out. Jim Courier and Todd Martin contributed to the visitors' perceived lack of intensity yes-

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"For us it's pretty much business as usual," said Couri-er, America's No 2, who opens the proceedings this afternoon against Tim Henman, the British No 1. "It's a first for Great Britain [in the World Group) in a while; it's not a first for us," added Martin, America's No 1, who plays Greg Rusedski in today's other singles match. "Apart from being the 100th anniversary, this is just a first round for us. We're playing a very good team. I think we're prepared and used

we do any other week." The reward for victory over the next three days is a match against either Australia or Zimbabwe in the quarter-finals after Wimbledon. Britain would

BY JOHN ROBERTS

have to travel, whereas the United States have been granted a home match in Boston to mark the centenary, whether they are in the last eight or involved in a qualifying tie.

It would be a huge mistake to believe that the Americans are as blase as they sometimes sound. They are here to win, and could not care less about absent friends, whether they be players or journalists. We're here for ourselves, our team and our country," Martin declared passionately. "We're not here for the media."

Martin's determination is underlined by his willingness to play even though he still feels twinges from a stomach muscle he strained during a match

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against Petr Korda at the Australian Open in January. "I've gone through some fairly bad days, but so far I've felt very good this week," he said. "I'm optimistic for the weekend, but very confident for tomorrow. My only concern right now is how

with good chance of returns

England look for the profit

well I recover from Friday." It was difficult to follow Martin's reasoning, however, when he added that the disability "only affected my serve, so it's not a huge liability". Serving and returning are the crucial elements of indoor tennis, particularly when players with the attacking style of Greg Rusedski and Henman are involved. That is why the Americans were surprised that Britain chose to play the tie on a hard court laid on wood rather than a faster carpet. Courier, describing the court as "surprisingly fair", said he expected a

court as close to the speed of

grass as possible. "I'm quite gives them a great chance to pleased with it," he said. Although Courier's ground-

strokes enabled him to win both the French Open and the Australian Open on two occasions and also to rise to No 1 in the world, Rusedski was quick to point out that Courier had been a Wimbledon singles finalist and that Martin ought to have been, given the nature of his collapse after leading his compatriot MaliVai Washington

in the 1996 semi-finals. David Lloyd, the British captain, said he consulted his players and they believed this one suited them best. "I think it's Greg's best surface," Lloyd added. "His serve comes down fast on any surface. You could nut down mud and it would be quick. They feel that their serve is good on any surface. This surface is very nice, with a medium-high bounce, which HOW THE DAVIS CUP RIVALS SHAPE UP

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O'Brien (the first contest between the pairs) as they did

return.

in winning the Guardian Direct Cup at Battersea in February. In spite of the imponderables, Britain have a wonderful opportunity to score a memorable victory, although the tension may not be over until the last ball of Sunday's concluding match between Rusedski and Courier

Martin made an interesting observation, saying that the court would play faster in matches than in practice, because "with all the people in the stands the temperature will be hotter". It certainly will, and the natural enthusiasm a capacity crowd of 9,320 on each of the three days will be amplified by plastic noise-makers handed to children by the Lawn Tennis Association. There will be thousands of rattles, if not Sir Simon Rattle in person.

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may prove to be their salvation. The matches are likely to be tight. Henman should be too sharp for Courier, but the Rusedski-Martin match is in the balance. And it will be interesting to see if the Brits shape as well in tomorrow's doubles against Courier and Alex



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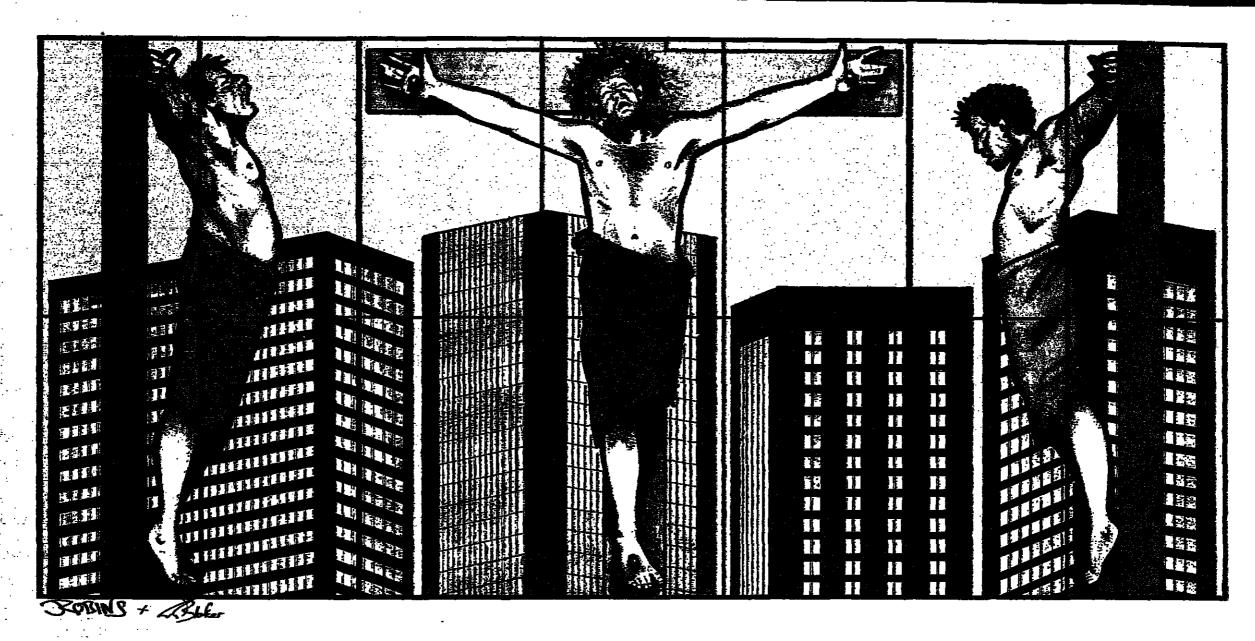
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Why I hate Easter

all sure that I should be - into autumn." bout the Christian festival of Easter We are living through paradoxical times as far as religious beliefs are concerned. Indeed, when it comes to considering Easter I find myself screwed to the sticking-point of what my "agnosticism" really means. It's all very well hiding behind "I don't know" when it comes to the large-scale metaphysical underpinnings of religion: Does God brought into this world for a transcendent purpose? (Once again - I

However, at the level of everyday ethical decisions – should the where abouts of sex offenders be made known publicly? Should governthe family? - such "I don't knows" really do become offensive to the properly religious, of all stripes.

"When you're lost in the rain in don't pull you through..." Bob Dylan aka Robert Zimmerman - the secular-Jew-turned-fundamentalistand religiosity lies as near to the core of the poetics of the post-bomb 20th century as any other body of literature - speaks for me in this cold, awful, vernal equinox, as he voices for us all the unnaturalness of the rest of the emotional year: "Tve

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tension, I hate Easter. Not that I really know anything of Easter itself at all. There's a Venn intersection between Radio 4, the laity of the Church of England and the rest of what laughably calls itself the fourth estate in this country, which means that the rituals of the organised and semi-state-sanctioned religions receive a vastly disproportionate amount of consideration. At the exhausted fag-end of a century that has exist? (I don't know.) What happens seen so many human lives snuffed when we die? I don't know.) Are we out in such physically obliterating ways - conflagrated to ash; gassed to ordure; machine-gunned to pulp; exploded to inhumanly less than the sum of their parts - it would seem to me that to seek redemption in the 40 extra days between Easter and Pentecost putatively allotted, 2,000 ment seek to influence the nature of years ago, to a self-proclaimed Messiah is - how can I put it with even a scintilla of respect for people's beliefs? – utterly ridiculous.

Tye now been to Golgotha. Been Juarez and it's Eastertime too/ And to that Unholy Land. There's nothyour gravity fails, and negativity ing more risible and historically disorienting about the environs of Jerusalem than those road signs that read "SODOM 20 KMS". And Christian-turned-orthodox-Jew, there's nothing more destructive of whose Zen grappling with religion the Stor Trek view of the Resurrection - a peculiar scenario involving a being with amazing powers marooned on a remote, backward planet - than a stroll around that cramped quarter wherein Jesus spent his final mortal hours. In the Star Trek view, Jesus is, of course,

laurel-style eveshade. The Tempie their day - have exaggeratedly curled and perfumed beards; unctuous and unguent in one. And everyone observes the most important convention which renders this outlandish primitivism endlessly relevant: they speak Standard ~ RP even - English.

The cross is plywood - and anyway, a criminal from central casting, complete with standard-issue offwhite dhoti, gets to carry the thing. The Way of the Cross is like any picturesque stroll through an ancient medina; the stations are spiritual time clocks; the crucifixion itself is mercifully televisual - when the sign is placed above his head with the dreaded ascription "King of the Jews", it's more in the manner of a title sequence than an abusive, cosmologically evil singularity.

To complete the teleplay, the garden of Gethsemane is just that, a municipal-cum-Olympian agglomeration of miniature cypresses, gravel paths and well-tended ornamental beds. The womenfolk, who are beautifully, cleanly attired in freshly laundered blue robes with white borders, arrive to make that epoch-creating discovery. Now, at this point in the gospels, it's easy for us cross-legged, nineteen sixties, late baby-boomer, Vietnam-as-TV-spectacle-witnessing kids to understand how it should be that the rock placed at the mouth of the tomb has been rolled to one side. Clearly, like all those bits of other worlds which are and only ever went to synagogue in

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BY WILL SELF

forever being hefted around by the crew of the Starship Enterprise, this alien stone is made from polystyrene, or foam rubber, or moulded plastic. Suffice it to say - even a flabby Kirk could've thrust it aside.

and we know what a demigod he is. Yes, I hate Easter, and the very movability of the feast makes it still more hateful - for I never know, in any year, when it will heave into view: freighted down with its groaning cargo of unpleasantness, it's not the Council of Nicaea which bothers me although as a half-Jew with Catholic children from my first marriage I would seem purpose-built to respond to doctrinal disputations. Even that half-Jewishness requires some clarification - I mean, is it

strictly possible to be half-Jewish? The Jews might well claim me for their own, as my mother certainly was Jewish. But so intent was she on making her entire life a performance act of deracination, that I was uncircumcised, not bar mitzvahed.

my early teens, accompanying thor- of any humour, no matter how black. weeks immediately succeeding her oughbred school friends in order to my philosophically inclined, Anglican father - "I think of Jesus as a remarkable personality, rather like Plato" - did make a claim on my soul. I was christened - as was my brother before me - by the fantastically ancient vicar of All Saints. Hove, the Reverend Bickerstaff.

Throughout my childhood our father would take us two squealing. atheistically perverted (courtesy of my Jewish. anti-Semitic mother: brats, along to whatever empty, prayerful barn happened to be in our vicinity when either Christ's birthday or death day fell. What a thankless, graceless task it was for him. Try as he might to enthuse us with the sonorous beauties of the King James Bible, as declaimed by middie-class, middle-aged men in dresses, it was far too late. We had already been claimed by the split infinitives of Star Trek, were already preparing to boldly go into a world where ethics, so far from inhering in the very structure of the cosmos, was a matter of personal taste akin to a designer label, sewn into the inside lining of conscience.

My mother died at Easter. She who thought all religion was an outand-out con. in that beautifully wiseacre fashion only a native New Yorker can achieve. She died in the Royal Ear Hospital of lung cancer - an irony which she might have appreciated, were it not for all the recognised stages of anger, the fact that, in dying, my mother denial and eventual acceptance. was fearful, alone, angry and devoid Like the disciples, in the days and

you're always starting off on the race of life with the understanding that you're bound to lose." Whether this was intended to give any comfort to either her or me I've no idea - since it certainly did neither. In the event, her pessimism was of no use anyway: she died utterly unconscious, shoved deep beneath the meniscus of sentience by barbitu-

rates and opiates.

They had admitted her to the University College Hospital, where her oncologist was the consultant, but wasn't it ever thus? - there were no beds available, and my brother and I had to follow her supine body as it was pushed through the subterranean passageways that connect this central London necropolis, until we rose up in a lift to the Royal Ear. This process was, on reflection, my mother's crucifizion: the cruel, iron trolley they wheeled her on was her secular cross; in place of the vinegar which was thrust into Christ's mouth by bystanders, nutriments were fed into Mother's arm via a transparent drip; and instead of the Roman legionnaire's sword, thrust into Mother's side were the increasing dosages of diamorphine which ensured that for all time she would remain dead.

In mourning my mother - whom I loved very deeply - I went through

She had said to me a few weeks death I would see "fake" mothers thing about being a pessimist is that much as she did in life. However, since neither of us believed remotely in the existence of personal immortality (and she in no kind of transcendence whatsoever, these visitations were mute and hazy. If Mother had felt driven to communicate anything to me from beyond the grave, it would doubtless have been a sardonic remark about the cost of her cremation.

As with so many of the most important and resonant facts about our lives. I have opted to block out the exact date in April when it was that we stood in the plastic cubicle and watched the mutant cells finally push mother out of her own head and into oblivion. So Easter is, for me, for the rest of my life, that time of the year when death comes to visit for a while. Western death: painless, medicalised, and about as ethical as a tooth extraction. It's a pity there are false messiahs - just the way that there are false teeth.

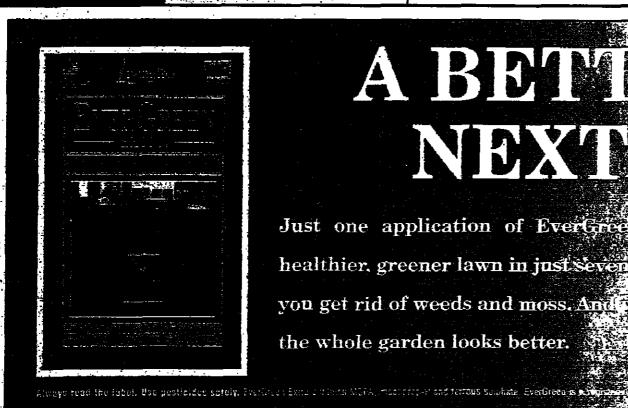
Yes, there will be no resurrection for Mother, just as there will be no resurrection for all the millions upon millions of dead souls that clutter this world of ours, like so much psychic lumber. Yes, they're gone and they're not coming back.

So it is that I suppress my memory of the date my mother died and I never know the date upon which Easter is going to fall. As winter fades, a council quite as doctrinally hairsplitting as that of Nicaea begins its first convocation of the year.

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Serbia's obsession

Sir: The assertion by many "democratic" Serbians that there will be no real peace and stability in the region unless Serbia embarks on the road to democracy is, unfortunately, specious.

In Serbia's free, multi-party and largely fair elections of 1990, the two main Serbian nationalist parties (of which Milosevic's SPS was one) polled 63 per cent of the vote: two years later, at the height of the war in Bosnia, where Serbian forces had displaced over two million Muslims and Croats in under six months - and went on to kill at least 200,000 Bosnians -Milosevic polled 56 per cent in Serbia's presidential election, hardly the record of a dictator.

The sad truth is that no candidate who espoused the admirable values of democracy and a liberalised economy came close to capturing the Serbian public's imagination. That is why, even during the anti-Milosevic demonstrations of 1996 and 1997, the person presented by Serbia's "democrats" as the answer to their country's problems was the ultranationalist Vuk Draskovic; members of his Serbian Renewal Movement were actively involved in atrocities in both Croatia and Bosnia, and Draskovic himself now serves in Milosevic's government as Deputy Prime Minister.

Serbia's political culture has been built on what the independent Serbian journalist Stojan Cerovic called "the constant, obsessive theme of building a Greater Serbia". This involves "purifying" Serbia by "cleansing" it of non-Orthodox people and "extending" Serbia so that it mirrors the nationalist ideal of encompassing Bosnia, Croatia, Kosovo and the Sandzak. something which can only be accomplished by genocide. ASAD YAWAR Wembley, Middlesex

Sir: Adrian Hastings (letter, 1 April is right. There is only one anti-Serbian ground force which can have an immediate effect the KLA. Nato's neutrality ceased when Serbia confirmed its true intentions by its assault on the civilian population. Only ground troops can save the Kosovars and we should supply the KLA with the anti-tank and other weapons they need to fight the Serbs and the communications equipment needed to call in air strikes.

But that can only be a holding operation. The KLA will not defeat the Yugoslav army, nor can it be trusted not to take revenge on Serbian civilians.We learnt in 1939-45 the folly of appearement and allowing dictators to profit by aggression. We also learnt that under attack any nation rallies to its leaders, however evil they may be. The prospect is horrifying, but if we want peace in Europe it must mean the defeat of Milosevic and his trial. Milosevic must face trial as the greatest war criminal since Hitler and his surrender must be one of Nato's demands. Did we not also learn that the crushing of a dictator does mean his country must take the consequences? I have as much, but no more, sympathy for the Serbs as I had for the Germans when they reaped the whirlwind in 1945.

There must be a downside to such barbaric behaviour as the Serbs have shown. Kosovars can never trust the Serbs again, so Nato should establish the one thing Milosevic most wanted to avoid - an independent Kosovo guaranteed by immediate membership of Nato. DAVID FAULL Ramsoate, Keni

Sir: As a criminal psychologist I believe that Nato has made a dreadful mistake. The psychological profile of people such as Slobodan Milosevic was obvious even to the lay person. Such personality traits do not disappear when confronted - it is usual for them to react in an extreme manner such as we have seen with the heightened ethnic

cleansing in Kosovo. I simply cannot understand how

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ballet School No 5: Felicity, the teacher at the Davies School in Cardiff, whispers encouragement to a young pupil

such a miscalculation can have occurred. Confronting a violent personality with an aggressive response coupled with open threats will always spell disaster.

As for the captured American servicemen, I am sure that they would fare better if Nato ceased making ill-thought-out comments about their safety. If I were captured by Mr Milosevic I would sincerely hope that Nato would keep their opinions to themselves lest they should exacerbate the crazed actions of an already borderline personality disorder. Dr M E ADELE Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire

Ollis's letter (1 April) was an April Fool's joke? Can he have been so partisan as to call upon Nato, as Christians, to abandon air attacks over Easter, but not notice that the Serbs subscribe to the Christian faith also - and does he imagine that they will cease to burn Kosovan homes and put women and children to death during their own religious festivals? TONY VINICOMBE Hove, East Susser

Sir: Fighting forces which cannot

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be used for fighting are a particular American concept. stemming from the confusion of their anti-colonial politics and the defeat in Vietnam. The British and European approach is different; while nobody wishes to see casualties most people accept that our professional soldiers on joining up have been prepared ultimately to sacrifice their lives, a view widely supported as recently as the Falklands war. The evil in Kosovo cannot be ended without deploying ground troops.
WILLIAM TERRELL London, SW6

The refugee crisis

Sir: David Aaronovitch writes in favour of ground troops ("Why do these decent folk find it so difficult to support the war?", I April), and ridicules the pacifist argument

that Nato brought on the cruelty in Kosovo. Whatever may have been intended. Nato has aggravated the problem, so Nato comrades have a moral duty to help the refugees.

Your editorial asks us to send a few spare pounds for blankets and tents ("The refugees' trail must extend to the shores of Britain", 1 April). Whatever relief supplies are sent, as you say, we have to take in refugees ourselves.

The number of refugees now quoted is 250,000. Maybe by Whitsun 2 million Kosovars will need refuge. I suggest we accept quotas related to our own population. There are 19 Nato member states with a total pulation of 780 million. We in the UK with 58 million needs to absorb 150,000 people.

It is no good standing on the sidelines urging on bombers and now troops on the ground at vast public expense and the cost of soldiers' lives if the public purse and public opinion are not prepared to cope with the fallout. That means giving "humanitarian assistance" to unfamiliar faces in our towns and villages.

Rather like the War, really. Are we prepared for this? JOHN DEXTER

Sir: The Government has

uncompetitive jobs in the

Midlands in an obsolete plant.

Longbridge will undoubtedly

absorb further millions before

it finally closes. I wonder if they

considered an alternative way

to spend their £200m; close

Longbridge now, and invest

the global information economy, in Birmingham. This

heavily in creating new jobs in

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Midlands a toehold in the

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Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

saved, for a time,

Hampshire

Sir: Your report "Straw regrets Immigration Service chaos" (23 March) highlighted an ongoing concern about the resources available to the Immigration Service and the entrenched attitudes within it.

We write, as chairs of the community and urban affairs committee, and the home affairs committee, of the Church of England's Board for Social Responsibility, to express concern about the deplorable situation at the immigration and nationality

directorate's Croydon office. The backlog of cases has been an openly acknowledged disgrace for some time. The present chaos not only causes great distress frustration to the vulnerable people who are at the mercy of this erratic system but calls into question the feasibility of many of the proposals and targets in legislation currently passing through Parliament.

Decent, humane, efficient treatment is the right of all who deal with branches of the Civil Service. The remedy of the present situation, computers and backlog, must be the priority, before the proposed reforms are enacted. Consistency throughout the Home Office and public services is vital if the forms of racism highlighted by

IN BRIEF

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Sir: J. Phillips (letter, 25

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WALTER GREY

London N3

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+ROGER BARKING (The Right Rev Roger Sainsbury. Bishop of Barking Professor RAMAN BEDI +ROBERT LINCOLN (The Right Rev Robert Hardy. Bishop of Lincoln) Church House, London SW1

Falklands' fate

Sir: With the greatest respect to Ambassador Pfirter (letter, 27 March), he introduces a red herring into the Falklands debate by comparing the relative distances of the Islands from Argentina and Britain. As ne will know geographical proximity has never been a valid reason for claiming sovereignty: if it were, many of today's international boundaries would have to be redrawn.

Mr Pfirter bases the Argentine case on the primacy of territorial integrity which, it is claimed, takes precedence over the right of selfdetermination. He assumes that the Falkland Islands are an integral part of Argentina, despite the facts that Argentina did not exist when the British landed there and that the only indigenous population on the Islands consisted of seals, seabirds and

Sir: Congratulations on your

leader calling for the merging

of the teaching unions into one

professional association (3)

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PETER MORTIMORE

University of London

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Director. Institute of Education

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the action taken by his Governor of La Plata and made restitution of the Looking ahead, Mr Pfirter disappointed me by sticking to the traditional Argentine line that it is in everyone's "best interest" to resolve the sovereignty issue through direct negotiations

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We had a squabble with the

islands in 1771, but the Spanish

administration.

between Britain and Argentina. I fail to see how it can be in the islanders' "best interest" to be exciuaea from negi their own future. Sir REX HUNT

Chairman, The Falkland Islands Association Sunningdale, Berkshire

No dumb belles

Sir: I was stunned by Sue Arnold's column "Girls are too sensible for sport" (31 March). It conveyed an attitude to exercise that ignored solid medical evidence.

Regular exercise has been shown to reduce the incidence of diabetes, lower the risk of bowel cancer and reduce the risk of high blood pressure. Those of us that regularly exercise and compete in sport can also point to reduced stress, lowered heart rate, greater self-esteem and improved

weight control. I'm sure many women will find offensive the comment that sporty

women are deeply unattractive. The United Kingdom and the rest of the western world face an epidemic of diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease as a consequence of obesity and inactivity. Our genome is capable of much more than this, certainly more than a "gentle glow". For the sake of your health, get out, feel the wind in you face and enjoy the endorphin high. Dr DAVE NICHOLLS Sports Medicine Practitioner

Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire

Choosing to die

Sir: Whilst Jeremy Laurance is right in his assertion that support for euthanasia declines with advancing age ("Choosing not to go gently". 30 March), this decline, in polls conducted by both NOP and British Social Attitudes, is small Even then there is a very substantial majority of older people in support.

Jeremy Laurance declares that he is not against euthanasia, but seemingly only if it is not called as such and is carried out at the doctor's discretion. As long as the doctor says he did not intend to kill the patient all is well. Apart from the hypocrisy required of the doctor, often this is an act of paternalism (non-voluntary euthanasia). I believe it is vitally important that the patient is the decision-maker.

Whilst I recognise that many people would wish to cling to life even in the face of extreme suffering, some do not. Why shouldn't we have the choice? The assurance that we do not have to face suffering and indignity at the end of life would be a great comfort to us all and would be. I suggest. very life-enhancing. JOHN OLIVER General Secretary The Voluntary Euthanasia Society London W8

Sir: You state (leading article, 27 March: that legislation to permit euthanasia in Britain should have guidelines to protect older people (why only older) from the pressure of relatives. And yet you go on to say that the co-operation and approval of the family are essential. The latter may surely lead to the former.

You say, "We must allow people to die", presumably meaning by "voluntary" euthanasia, and yet you go on to support (albeit with "safeguards") involuntary euthanasia. You say it is impossible to make an objective judgement about another person's quality of life and yet appear to support the ending of it.

Your leader is contradictory, dangerous and immoral. PHILIP J S CROME Harrow, Middlesex

Lack of evidence

Sir: You reported that Mr Amit Sharma, 19, received damages from the Metropolitan Police Service and that this authority did not uphold his complaint ("Trio awarded police damages", 27 March). Our member Lorna Whyte could not possibly have upheld the complaint.

Mr Sharma's solicitor failed to return the medical disclosure form which would have enabled the investigating officer to obtain a statement from the doctor who eated Mr Sharma. Furthermore, Mr Sharma's companions, who may have witnessed the incident, failed to come forward despite the best efforts of the investigating officer.

On the basis of the available evidence, Mr Sharma's complaint against the officer could not possibly be proved "beyond reasonable doubt".

It is unjustifiable for Mr Sadio Khan to criticise the police complaints system when he fails to provide the vital evidence needed to prove the complaint. Many lawyers, even those who are critical of the system, give us considerable assistance. In one recent case, seven police officers were required to resign as a result of co-operation from the complainants' solicitor, which enabled the PCA-supervised inquiry to gather the necessary evidence.

P W MOORHOUSE Chairman. Police Complaints Authority London SW1

Yellow peril

Sir: As the US seems to have but one means of enforcing its foreign policy, whom will they be hombing next? Turkey over the Kurds, Sri Lanka over the Tamils, Indonesia over East Timor, or even Britain over bananas? P N THOMPSON

Read all about it - Queen Mother extradited to Spain!

HOW WELL do you follow the news? Ten minutes after you have switched off the latest news, how much of it can you remember? Do you know where Kosovo is? Is your memory for trivial news voracious? If you went on the News Quiz, would you get the questions right, or would you say, like Alan Coren, "Well, Simon, I would rather you had asked me about the story about the two kippers and the

Now is the chance to test yourself: Here are seven news stories from the last 10 days. Which of them are true and which are false? On vour marks, get set...

1 A man in Alnwick, Northumbria. was prosecuted on the very unusual charge of conspiring to entice others to trespass. He was engaged in a vendetta against his next-door neighbour, and devised the unusual plan of annoying him by tying a set of inflated party balloons to his neighbour's gate. Everyone assumed that there was a party going on and enough gatecrashers arrived to make the man's life a nuisance all afternoon. By the time the man discovered the balloons on his gate outside, he had had to deal with over 30 uninvited guests. He therefore sued his neighbour on the rare charge of enticing to trespass.

2 The lighthouse at Beachy Head, which is being moved a short distance, is not being transported for safety reasons or to avoid erosion. The fact is that English Heritage have recently hired a feng shui consultant who has decided that the lighthouse was built in a most unpropitious situation, facing slightly the wrong way, and inviting evil influences. The lighthouse is not being taken to another site - it is in fact being revolved a little so that it faces a luckier direction. 3 Police were called to a hot

snacks'n'sandwich bar in a lay-by in Lincolnshire where more than 60 cars were parked and at least 100 people were queuing for service. A little unrest had broken out, with people throwing water over each other. Police were curious to know why there was such a demand for food and drink. It turned out that the sandwich bar had recently been awarded a licence for celebrating marriages, and one of their regular lorry drivers had elected to get married there. The long queue was the wedding reception and the



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As a last resort, the US will fly low over Serbian ski resorts and knock down their cable-cars

unrest and horseplay with water were an attempt to sober up the best man in time for his speech.

4 The RUC in Northern Ireland has discovered an arms factory run by the IRA which was busy manufacturing arms that were not designed to be used. They were only going to be handed over for decommissioning purposes, so that the IRA could hang on to their real

5 Anxious to reclaim from the Queen Mother the £4m she owes it. Coutts Bank has been having secret talks with the present owners of Barings Bank to see if they can use the same mechanism that Barings used with Nick Leeson. Their talks are being kept very hush-bush because Coutts does not want it to seem as if it is trying to get the Queen Mum sent to prison. On the other hand, it would dearly love to get the money back, be-

cause, as one bank executive put it, RI can think of several countries in Latin America that are a better credit risk than the old bat. They are also looking at the possibility of getting the Queen Mother extradited to Spain.

6 Crop circles seldom make news during the winter, for the simple reason that crops are not generally grown during the winter and it is hard to make circles in non-existent wheat. However, cerealogists were called out in great excitement last week to a field in the middle of Wiltshire where astounding symmetrical patterns had been spotted in the hare earth, a series of mostly straight, but sometimes wavy lines in very tight parallels.

While they were examining the phenomenon, the farmer who owned the field came past that way and informed them somewhat curtly that at they were trespassing, and by the patterns were due to the fact that he had ploughed the field the day before. The cerealogists refused to believe him and now think that the patterns were made by out-of-season crop circle aliens on a day outing.

7 The Americans have a secret plan up their sleeve to deal with the Serbians. As a last resort, they are going to fly low over Serbian ski resorts and knock down all their cable-cars.

Did you spot that, in fact, all of the stories were take, except for the one that was about Gwyneth Paltrow and the seven red-headed dwarfs? Well done!

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Action and the second Maria.

IN THE context of the leap of faith BMW shareholders are taking, this cash injection is a trifle. The road back to sustainable profitability may be

at Longbridge, how can car crit- making it through before BMW The Financial Times

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD British press comment on the news that

shareholders are thoroughly sick. Since they have already absorbed the worst of Rover's

FOR THE first time in months Longbridge workers could sleep easily in their beds last night. Those who say taxpayers

UK workers deserve.

should not help out BMW are IT ISN'T only the people who

plant who should be celebrating. Saving the factory is a boost for the whole country. The Government did not want to throw money at BMW which owns Rover. That was how millions of pounds were wasted in the past. But BMW is spending huge sums on Longbridge. It was entitled to get some reasonable aid from the

Now it has. Longbridge is

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Ireland cannot live in this limbo land for much longer

A FEW days ago Gerry Adams said this: "I am convinced that we are going to get a democratic peace settlement and that's why I say to David Trimble: 'But why not now? Why put it off?' This is the time for moving forward, for seizing the moment and moving positively together and not letting people down."

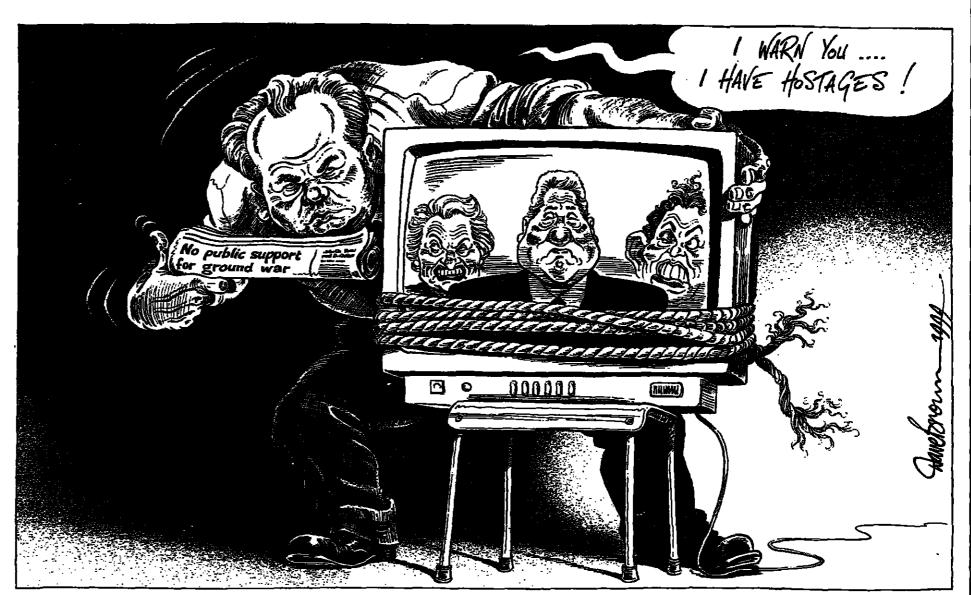
The moment was not seized. Should people feel let down? There will be disappointment. It would have been an historic achievement to set up the Northern Ireland Executive. Had things not been put off yet again, we should now be reflecting on the courage of those involved, rather than pondering another pause. So, if the parties won't agree now. with all the psychological pressure of the anniversary of the Good Friday agreement, when will they? What hope is there that they will not for ever be content to live in the limbo land of agreement without settlement, of ceasefire without disarmament, of progress without movement?

There are reasons to feel hopeful. First, the scale of what is being attempted needs to be borne in mind. The question of the IRA decommissioning its weapons has been fudged time and again. It is where irresistible Unionism meets immovable republicanism. Even a year is a short time to weaken attitudes that have taken centuries to ossify. It may also have been too much to ask during the emotion of the annual commemoration of the 1916 Easter Rising.

Second, the war in the Balkans may have proved to be too much of a distraction for Tony Blair and, especially, Bill Clinton. In 10 days' time they may be able to play a still more active and powerful role.

Third, and most important, the break in the formal talks does not mean that dialogue, thought and imagination have also adjourned. The IRA can and should begin decommissioning now. It seems that it will not. In that case, there is only one way through that can be explored informally between now and the next round of talks. The compromise that could be pursued is for Sinn Fein to join the executive on the explicit promise that the IRA will shortly thereafter begin decommissioning, on a scale and at a speed that is satisfactory to the Unionists. It is, to borrow a phrase, gut-wrenching to ask David Trimble and his community to agree to this, and they should do so only with the most clear and public undertakings and with the

shortest gap between words and actions. Some cause for optimism, then. But delays cannot be indefinite. Tensions will mount during the summer and as the marching season approaches. The power of the referendum results about the agreement, on both sides of the border, will begin to lapse soon. The risk of destabilising step is to be taken. It is increasingly clear that the use of atrocities perpetrated by splinter groups persists. The hand of history still rests heavily on the shoulders of the participants. But it will not rest there for ever.



Ground troops are now the only deterrent left

THE CAPTURE of three American soldiers will give further ammunition to those who believe that the entire mission against Milosevic is a foolhardy enterprise. In reality, the mission is not foolhardy, but over-cautious.

Slobodan Milosevic has, unsurprisingly, used the capture of the soldiers for his own propaganda purposes. But the parading of the American soldiers on Belgrade television may also help to harden American opinion, until now deeply wary about distant Kosovo.

Such a hardening of opinion is needed if the crucial next ground troops - or, at the very least, the credible threat of ground troops - is the only way to force Milosevic to compromise. There is a tendency to talk dismissively of "arm- action against Milosevic in the first place.

chair warriors". But the armchair peacemakers have had an incomparably poor record in the Balkans in the past decade. Even the doves now admit that if the international community had taken tougher action in Bosnia at an earlier stage, then thousands of lives could have been saved.

One much-heard argument against the current bombing campaign, and against the use of ground troops, is that the war has only made the lot of the Kosovo Albanians even worse. In the narrow sense, that is true. Conspicuously, however, we do not hear that argument from the Albanian refugees themselves; they blame Milosevic himself for their plight. The people who have borne the brunt of the horror know just how grim the prospects would have been had the international community continued simply to stand by. For Milosevic, brutality against civilians is part of the standard repertoire. The wholesale slaughter and "ethnic cleansing" in recent days provides the most vivid possible reminder of why it was necessary to take tough

All the well-meaning concerns about too tough a policy against Serbia become irrelevant when set against the background of the latest bloodshed. The current policy of extermination is merely the logical extension of what Milosevic had already been doing for many years. The mass killing of civilians provides the final proof - though proof should no longer be needed, after the experience of the past 10 years - of the lengths to which Milosevic will go to retain absolute power.

We might have hoped, after the experience of Iraq, that politicians and generals alike would be wary of leaving a job half-done. Increasingly, it looks as though that may be the outcome of the current action in Serbia. This would be doubly disastrous. At the very least, a declaration of readiness to prepare a ground assault would send an important signal. On each previous occasion, the West has blinked before Milosevic. To do so on this occasion would be the ultimate betrayal - not just of the Albanians, but of all the Balkan nations he has trodden over in turn.

Ulster may yet prove the triumph of politics over tribal feeling

SO WE are not quite there yet. Easter with Sinn Fein. It may be, too, that deis a sacred period in the Republican calendar and this weekend the Sinn Fein leadership will fan out to the traditional rallies in memory of the 1916 rebellion. Those who hoped that they would do so, having announced that they have thought the so-far unthinkable and agreed to hand over arms before assuming office in a new devolved Northern Ireland govern-

ment, will be disappointed. This was bridge too far, even after a night of talks in which neither Tony Blair nor Bertie Ahern the Irish Taoiseach had slept, as they attempted to conclude the talks. If necessary they will return again, in Tony Blair's case Balkan war or not, when the parties reconvene on 13 April Yet in the sunshine in front of that handsome, understated late 18th century mansion which is Hillsborough Castle, one of the last vice-regal relics of British rule, the two men yesterday afternoon seemed, despite their exhaustion, irrepressibly upbeat. What had gone on? Were they kidding us? Were they just whistling to keep their

spirits up? The answer is surely no. To say that is not to underestimate the fundamental issue that decommissioning of arms has become. Perhaps it would not have been had Sir Patrick Mayhew, John Major's second Northern Ireland Secretary, had not made it a prerequisite in the famous "Washington Three" condition of a political settle-

Unionists elevated it to the absolute the next fortnight, will seek to rise up

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commissioning can only be at best be a gesture, since no one will really know, even after it happens, where all the weaponry is and whether it has

been handed over.

Maybe, too, the decision to set a deadline of Easter made it all the more difficult to achieve, since the problems for Sinn Fein on confronting their most ardent supporters at this weekend's rallies would have been not only politically difficult, but quite possibly physically dangerous. And, yes, it's true that paramilitary rebels from Ecuador to Mozambique have managed to make disarmament part of the negotiations which have concluded these wars. And it's just possible that, in contrast to last Easter, the world's eyes were not on Northern Ireland but on Kosovo, the incentive to conclude the business was just a little less than it might otherwise have been if the full international media circus had been present.

But these are details. The fact is that the pressures on Martin McGuinness and Gerry Adams, two figures that the British Government is now utterly convinced want to play their parts in normal polities beyond the shadow of the gun, are deep and serious, before and after

Faster. The pressures on David Trimble are huge too: waiting in the wings, even among his own party members elected to the nascent assembly, are men who want to see the process fail It was, after all, only after that the and who, if he doesn't deliver within



DONALD MACINTYRE

The Blair-Ahern way is to keep the momentum going rather than to batten down every single, legalistic detail

almost certainly backwards. But for the republican leaders, the dangers are not merely political; they may even be life-threatening for men who, whatever their gruesome past attachments, have aiready shown real and distinctive bravery in coming this far.

So what are the grounds for the optimism which the two Prime Ministers so relentlessly conveyed outside Hillsborough yesterday? Well, first of all. despite ritually repeating their opposition to decommissioning as a prior condition of the assembly and the executive going live. Sinn Fein did not denounce the joint "working draft" which was produced by the two gov-

ernments yesterday. British officials were at some pains last night to point out that, exactly a year ago, Sinn Fein neither endorsed precondition of sitting in an executive and find someone else to lead them, nor condemned the Good Friday parisons between Northern Ireland

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agreement either. Yet the agreement's and the scene of Milosevic's carnage. momentum, for all the faltering, is still there, and with the determined par-

ticipation of Adams and McGuinness. Whether the Unionist sources who claimed last night that there had been fierce internal debate over the demands for decommisioning within the Sinn Fein delegation were right, the British are surprisingly confident that both of them want the latest declaration to be fulfilled - which appears to mean that they will in the end, have to accept the "obligation" to put enough arms, as the declaration puts it "beyond use" to satisfy Sir John de

overseeing the handover of arms. The wording of the declaration is a little wispy in places; the exact nature of the dance in which there will be a decommissioning of "some arms" and "an act of reconciliation" before the powers are devolved, a mite unclear. But that is the Blair-Ahern way. to keep the momentum going rather than batten down every single, legal-

istic detail. It is impossible not to admire the two prime ministers, in Tony Blair's year ago. case a dog-tired one no doubt, desperately hoping that war in Serbia will go better than it has done so far Kosovo seemed a planet away as the sun shone down yesterday on Hillsborough, a sleepy village which could be in the Cotswolds if it were not in Coun-

ty Down. The Falls Road, the Shankhill and Portadown also seemed far away. You couldn't help wondering if the Prime Minister was able to resist the temptation to draw any com-

All-out civil war in Northern Ireland has never been more at the very periphery of the most pessimistic vision of the last 20 years here. But it is just possible, as he shuttled with the Taoiseach between the parties, that one connection may have occurred to him. What is being attempted here is the triumph of politics over tribal feuding and the gun - an effort that has so signally failed in the former Yugoslavia. This is a land in which people who support the same football

teams, buy their clothes at the same Marks and Spencer, have been capable of killing each other for no better Chastelaine, the Canadian general reason that they went to the wrong The popular will in Northern Ireland to see an end to that is now. probably, irresistible. Blair. a politician supremely tuned to the popular will, recognises that. But what is more important is that he is sure that all the parties understand it too. Republican

> would have been unthinkable even a That is not a sufficient condition of the final settlement. But it is probable that David Trimble and Gerry Adams now recognise how much each needs the other to prevail in their

engaged with Unionist at these talks,

by all accounts, with a cordiality that

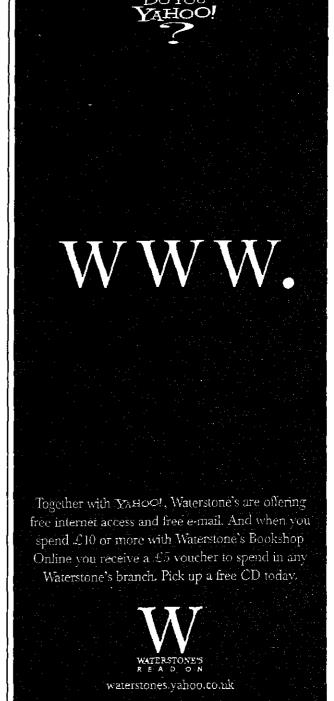
Blair seemed almost irrationally optimistic that Northern Ireland would be living under power sharing devolved government by the summer. But it was an optimism that, in the spring sunshine at Hillsborough, it was impossible not to share.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We don't like the way they're treated and we have a long memory about these kinds of things." General Wesley Clark. Nato Supreme Commander Europe on the three US soldiers captured by the Serbs

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"To believe yourself to be brave is to be brave; it is the only essential thing." Mark Twain. American author



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AT LONG last Mr Stephen ics seriously suggest that the Byers, the Trade Secretary, has seen sense and put Rover workers, BMW and, indeed, the whole of the West Midlands out of their agony. There. The Birmingham Post has been too much uncertainty for too long. It has sapped the morale of Rover's workers many of whom have taken their skills elsewhere, to the detriment of the company. If BMW is willing to to devote so much long and full of potholes, but

of its own resources to Rover Rover has a 50:50 chance of

relatively modest amount of Government aid being given to

back now.

losses, they should not turn

Rover's Longbridge plant has been saved

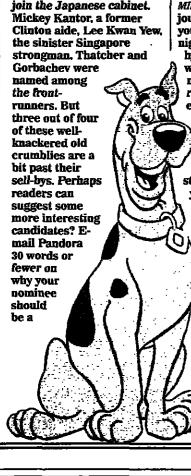
mans have invested over £4bn in Rover since taking over more than eight years ago and that is more than any previous state hand-outs. Having been given the grant they want. and the workers' total support with new flexible working hours, it is time for BMW to deliver. That is the least their loyal Government.

missing the point. The Ger-work at Rover's Longbridge The Mirror

CHARLES SPENCER, the lawyer who holds most of the heart of the lovely Express editor, Rosie Boycott, thriftily bought himself a number of sleek new designer suits in the January sales. Imagine his chagrin when he discovered all had mysteriously gone walkabout. Bountiful Rosie, it seems, had generously donated them to a local charity shop. Minions from The Depress were hurriedly dispatched to try to retrieve the expensive kit. Coming soon to a waste bin near you: a thrilling feature about the serendipity of thrift shopping.

SEEN IN 192, the smart Notting Hill Gate wateringhole: Sir Robin Day wearing a Bill Clinton mask.

HAS JAPAN'S leading newspaper. Asahi Shimbun. found a way to improve that Western invention, the April Fools' gag? We're assured not. But on 1 April the newspaper ran a prominent piece suggesting that Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi is trying to push through an initiative called Minister Big Bang. This would invite "two or three" foreigners to ioin the Japanese cabinet. Mickey Kantor, a former the sinister Singapore strongman, Thatcher and Gorbachev were named among the frontrunners. But



Japanese cabinet minister. The best will be passed on to the Japanese embassy.

JOHN MAPLES, the shadow Defence Secretary, who infuriated his erstwhile Knightsbridge neighbours with the "horrible" smells emanating from his kitchen, is becoming inexplicably mellow. This week in the Commons, he was spotted putting in some overtime at the Z-factory during a speech by Clare Short. Further along the blue benches, the Hague honcho and alleged tightwad, Alan Duncan, has also been making a spectacle of himself. When asked about his new glasses, the gravitas-hungry Duncan admitted: "They don't actually magnify anything."

TOMORROW IS Boat Race day, so Pandora presents her subtitles for the slanguage-impaired to give you the low-down on what the muscle in those boats will be saying. A bear jumped on our back - lack of energy at the end of a race; blade - part of the oar that goes in the water; catch a crab - when the blade gets caught in the water after a stroke; hammer - strong rower with no technique; luggage – a rower who doesn't pull his weight: stroke seat – rower who sets the boat's pace; swing state achieved when a crew moves in unison.

BRITAIN IS a high society and that's official. According to the Lisbon-based European Centre for Monitoring Drugs and Drug Abuse, Brits consume more illegal narcotics per head than anywhere else in Euroland. Brits are even outdoing the Netherlands, a state so drug-friendly it's becoming a nation in a state.

MINISTRY MAGAZINE, a journal that chronicles young people's escapades in night-clubs, claims that a hypnotist, Zane Monroe, is working the nation's niteries offering to replicate the disco biscuit experience for £8 a pop. Of course, since you're is a hypnotic trance,

there's no danger of you hapless clubbers approaching a complete stranger and hearing yourself saying: "Nice one geezer! Sorted! Here are my credit cards, give em a caning! Wicked!"

THE PHRASE that pays. The words that put the glide in Pandora's stride this week: "They don't have a Scooby." Scooby? (Pictured.) Think rhyming slang. And if you still don't get it... you haven't a clue.

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For a Christian, this is a just war

THE REMARKABLE French thinker Simone Weil once wrote: "All the criminal violence of the Roman Empire ran up against Christ and in him became pure suffering... The false God changes suffering into violence, the true God changes violence into suffering.

In the light of this, it is not surprising that the early Christians were pacifists. As the secondcentury theologian Tertullian put it, referring to the incident in the Gospels when a sword was drawn to protect Jesus from arrest: "In disarming Peter, Christ unbelted every soldier.

But when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire in the fourth century, there was a painful dilemma. If order is essential to human life and order depends on the use or threat of coercion, would it not be irresponsible of Christians to refuse to play their part as policemen or soldiers? So war is justified - but only under certain conditions. Today, Christians

are fiercely divided as to whether those conditions have been met in the action against Serbia. First there must be legitimate

authority. One of the most hopeful developments since the Second World War is that we now assume this to be the United Nations. But although a general principle was



RICHARD **HARRIES**

In a fallen, sinful world it is sometimes a stern duty to use military force to protect the defenceless

established in relation to Iraq, namely that it is possible to intervene within the borders of another sovereign country for exceptional humanitarian reasons, there has been no explicit resolution allowing this in relation to Kosovo. The second condition is that

there must be a just cause. The protection of terrorised Albanian Kosovars must certainly qualify. And the third condition, that war be a last resort, has also surely been met. Every peaceful means of resolving the conflict must first

It is the fourth criterion that causes the most trouble. This says that military action must not unleash more evil than would have to be endured if such action were not taken. Integrally related to this is the judgement that there must be a reasonable chance of success. Here. of course, the moral dimension overlaps with political and military

But what counts as success? there is little doubt that the skill and training of the Nato forces will achieve the military objective of drastically weakening the Serbian forces. But this military objective cannot be seen apart from the political goal, which must be a priority. It is far from obvious at the moment that the political plan as outlined in the Rambouillet agreement can yet be attained by bombing; and, rightly or wrongly, the Government keeps on ruling out ground forces.

It isn't surprising that Christians. like the country as a whole, are now making very different predictions about what is possible. As a worst case, it is possible to envisage Milosevic suing for peace with all his troops and police in possession of an "ethnically cleansed" northern third of Kosovo - and Nato having neither the will nor the capacity to do anything but accede.

However, with all these dire predictions, now we have embarked on this course what matters at this stage is an iron resolve to achieve the goal we have set. The danger is that a ruthless ruler such as Milosevic can make us hesitate and weaken. But to weaken now is, in effect, to hand the world over to those who are prepared to raise the stakes ever higher through their unrestrained cruelty - in this case, 'ethnic cleansing'

In the last analysis it is not up to churchmen to say whether a particular action is right or wrong. It is government that is in a position to know the facts, that will have weighed up the risks and that bears the awesome responsibility. Our role, through the exercise of the teaching office of the church, is to urge that the criteria must be met. When it comes to the conduct of the action, the prime requirement is to target only military installations and forces; the principle of noncombatant immunity ie civilians not directly contributing to the war effort, is the most sacrosanct teaching of the Church's long tradition of thinking about this subject. Here there is one thing for which to be thankful. Modern precision-guided weapons make it more possible than ever for military targets to be accurately located and hit.

The phrase "a just war" is a misnomer. All wars are a tragic expression of an injustice that has eaten into the very fabric of human society. Nevertheless, in a fallen, sinful world it is sometimes a stern duty to use military force to protect the defenceless. But such actions are not crusades, and we should avoid demonising the enemy. As the great American thinker Reinhold Niebuhr prayed during the Second World War: "We pray for wicked and cruel men, whose arrogance reveals to us what the sin of our own hearts is like when it has conceived and brought forth its final fruit."

So we come back to this Good Friday, the most sombre day in the Christian calendar when we reflect on the fact that God himself, in the person of his Son, experienced our violence and bore the sin of the whole world. It is a day made more sombre still by the countless innocents still suffering in Kosovo and elsewhere in the world. If there is hope to be found, it can only be as put in a hymn that will be sung in many churches today:

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries

The writer is Bishop of Oxford

Dangerous liaisons: why the French still do it in style

THE BUSY hive of Parisian sociologists, pollsters and trend analysts who delight in smashing national stereotypes, informing us that the French no longer drink wine, eschew the baguette, and are even thinking about giving up smoking Gitanes, ought to be ashamed of themselves.

In recent years these specialists in demythification have been busy creating a myth of their own: that Frenchmen no longer have mistresses, but only affairs followed by divorce and remarriage, just like les

It took the biggest financial scandal of the post-war era and a leggy, loquacious brunette to give the lie to this nonsense. Among the mendacity, bribery and money-laundering that swirled murkily around in the Elf national oil company, Christine Deviers-Joncour seemed to be

the lady who took all. As a paid consultant of the comnany, not only did she carry suitcases stuffed with millions of francs in cash from Paris to Switzerland ("they were very heavy", she remarked later), she also ferried messages, instructions and little presents between her boss, Elf's financial director Alfred Sirven and her lover Roland Dumas, Minister of Foreign Affairs and close adviser of the then President François Mitterrand.

Christine was exceptionally well set up by her lover and employer. She had a vast and gilded apartment in the seventh arrondissement of Paris that cost Elf about £2m.

Here, using the lavishly provisioned Elf credit card, she decorated in fabulous style, dressed in couture and entertained Dumas and the good, the bad and the ugly of the day - not least by playing on gation, she revealed. Dumas was



SUZANNE LOWRY

The latest sociologists' myth is that Frenchmen no longer have mistresses, they only have affairs

the grand piano also bought for her. Here was a mistress to end all mistresses, who out-pompadoured Pompadour, who was kept in grand lure not only by a wealthy man, but by a state-owned conglomerate who used her to sweeten a minister. Or was it vice versa? The final story has not yet been told. No wonder, when the scandal broke, Christine called herself la putain de la République - the Republic's whore - when she sat down to write her memoirs during a sobering period in jail.

The other day Christine acted out another chapter in the melodrama - that of the woman scorned - when she revenged herself on Dumas. She had consistently maintained that he had had nothing to do with Elf's dirty money. But when he dropped her in her trouble - "didn't even send a flower" - she dropped him in the judicial soup. Everything had been done, all money spent, at his instiforced from his cushy retirement post as president of the Constitutional Council, and the case against him has been reopened.

Another liaison recently ended in resignations and gnashings of teeth. when the former prime minister Edith Cresson's faiblesse for a provincial dentist helped bring down not only her but also the whole European Commission.

Cresson, who had been commissioner for education and science, had employed René Berthelot, with whom she had been living for years. on a salary of some £50,000 a year to do little more than travel to and from their French home base at Chatellerault, "She can't do without me," René used to boast when Edith was PM and he had a room in the Hôtel Matignon, the French 10

Downing Street. A twist in that tale is that Edith Cresson was one of president Mitterrand's many mistresses years ago."My little soldier", he used to call the feisty redhead. When he made her minister of agriculture, however, angry farmers called her la parfumée du président - the president's floozie.

Mitterrand was a master in the kingly art of having his marital cake and eating it - and making the state pay for it. The French were amazed and fascinated - rather than shocked - when their sphynx-like leader was publicly mourned by two families when he died in 1996. It then emerged that the shadowy second family. Anne Pingeot and her daughter Mazarine, had been kept at taxpavers' expense in an annexe of the Elysee Palace for years. All part of the clandestine financial subculture of a corrupt regime that



Edith Cresson, who was the mistress of François Mitterrand

is now slowly being unravelled by the lawyers investigating Elf, the affairs of Credit Lyonnais and other relics of Mitterrandism.

"He is interested only in money and death". one of the president's victims once said of him. Certainly troublesome people at his court tended to die off suddenly, and it was said last week by a former aide that if Mitterrand had been alive.

Dumas would already be dead". Money – a lot of it – rather than murder, is the key to keeping a mistress. And this is what the aforesaid sociologists have been pointing out. Frenchmen, says Michel Platte (among others) "have been forced to give up institutionalised infidelity" because few of them can afford the little flat on the Left Bank, the gifts and the bills and perhaps the annuity for life. Still less can they afford to risk divorce, to which a wronged French wife now quite quickly re- access to unlimited funds of a big sorts, no longer content to accept the

role of wife and mother and a lifetime of security in exchange for giving her husband permission to range free.

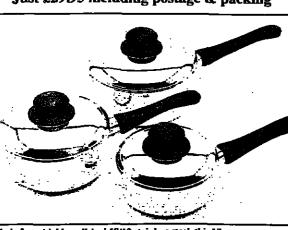
Cecile Abdesselam, another social pundit, revealed that those men who do stray (and one in five French husbands is unfaithful at some time: are not suave Latin lovers as imagined by Nancy Mitford: they get into dreadful tangled messes. Their affairs become anguished and they find themselves caught between a mistress demanding marriage and a wife who'll divorce him if she finds out about the mistress. It sounds depressingly more like the plot of a dreary Hollywood movie than a sexy French farce.

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A humanist at work, a bully at home

TO THE politically aware in the 1940s and 1950s, the name of Arthur Koestler brought to

mind a fighter for freedom. Today, he is almost forgotten. When he is recalled it is for his notorious private life. Yet this does an injustice to a heroic figure of the "totalitarian age" who wrestled with the most difficult questions of the century.

Koestler was born in Budapest in 1905 and raised in a Jewish family. At Vienna University he became a Zionist and in 1926 emigrated to Palestine.

From 1933 to 1940 he lived among the German Communist exiles in Paris. He travelled to Spain for the CP in 1936-7, was caught by Franco's troops and threatened with death. Koestler served briefly in the British army before doing propaganda work and writing. He was involved with the Zionist movement from 1945 to 1948, but broke with it. He lived in France and America before settling in Britain in 1952.

Koestler was consistently preoccupied by political and ethical questions. In the 1930s his anti-Fascist writing helped to rally opinion against Franco. His novel of ideas, Darkness at Noon (1940), was one of the first and certainly the most potent books to expose Stalinism. Although the USSR was at the height of its popularity, thanks to the role of the Red Army in the defeat of Hitler, in The Yogi and the Commissar (1945) Koestler unrelentingly denounced Communism.

His anti-Communism rested on a rejection of determinism in the form of historical materialism. He showed that a revolutionary vanguard that believes it possesses the secret of history feels able to commit endless atrocities "for the good of the cause". Certain of reaching utopia, revolutionaries argue that the end justifies the means: the life of a man is disposable to fulfil the destiny

of mankind. This conviction also spawned the doctrine of the useful lie, that any untruth could be deployed to hasten the revolution. Because they dispensed with the "bourgeois morality" that protected civil and human rights, both Fascism and Communism crushed the individual.

Although he rejected conventional politics in the mid-1950s, Koestler continued to



PODIUM

DAVID CESARANI From a talk by the professor of Jewish history at Southampton University to the South Place Ethical Society

address "the human predicament". In Insight and Outlook (1947), he had tried to found a new morality and politics on scientific truths. His later science writing was driven by a humanistic imperative. In The Lotus and the Robot (1958) he delivered a blistering critique of Hinduism and Zen. which he believed eroded the individual's sense of responsibility.

However, his approach was

flawed and his legacy is cloudy. His analysis of Marxism was simplistic: in debunking the vulgar popularisers of Stalinism he blinded himself to the emancipatory elements in the Marxist tradition.

Instead of exploring ways to change society, he tinkered with ways to change man. He believed in predestination. While he condemned behaviourism, he interpreted neurological discoveries to mean that man was enslaved to a primitive part of the brain that obliged humans to behave like animals. In The Ghost in the Machine (1967) he recommended the mass distribution of tranquillising drugs via the vater system.

Koestler's politics became self-contradictory. In his Zionist novel, Thieves in the Night (1946), he qualified the maxim that the end can never justify the means. Instead, he maintained that Jewish terrorism in Palestine was justified by Jewish suffering and the need for a homeland. He berated the USSR, but was silent about the conduct of "authoritarian" capitalist regimes. For the sake of the Cold War alliance he refused to denounce Franco. In-

deed, the anti-Communist end justified increasingly dubious means. During the 1950s he concealed the knowledge that the CLA was covertly funding the Congress for Cultural Freedom. This was a version of the "useful lie". Worse, he implicitly condoned the terroristic and murderous activity of the CIA.

Finally, Koestler's personal beliefs and behaviour stand in contrast to what he preached. Duplicity and infidelity scarred personal relationships. He was violent towards women and committed rape. He castigated the Japanese for using abortion too freely, but his rejection of parenthood led his wives and mistresses to terminate their pregnancies. At home he was a bully and a tyrant.

Yet he didn't cajole his wife, Cynthia, aged 55, to live on when he decided in early 1982. as a result of a terminal illness. to commit suicide. In a pamphlet on suicide he advised young people faced by the death of a loved one to seek counselling and focus on the possibilities that life still offered. He seemed not to apply this advice to

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Will America crack?



MARY DEJEVSKY

While the US stands high in military might, on the human front it is infinitely vulnerable

AMERICA AWOKE yesterday to find its worst fears confirmed. Three US soldiers, reported missing on the Macedonian-Yugoslav border the previous evening, had been captured by Serbian forces and paraded on Belgrade television as prisonerhostages. Such pictures, as any American president knows, have the power to turn the tide of a war, declared or not; to shake, if not in fact topple, the President.

The military significance of the incident for the Nato operation against President Milosevic is negligible; the loss of one small. Jeeplike vehicle and three rank-and-file soldiers - a private and two NCOs - will not tip the scales of advantage one way or another. In terms of public morale in the US, however, the impact is potentially cataclysmic.

The change in the American mood was immediately palpable. The networks' normally irrepressibly cheerful breakfast anchors were solemn. Reporters in the field seemed deflated. From Aviano air force base in Italy came reports of a pervasive disappointment that the concerted rescue mission had failed. The fact is that while the US stands head and shoulders above any other country in terms of its military might, on the human front it is infinitely vulnerable - and its enemies well know that.

The first real setback for the United States in the Nato operation in Yugoslavia - and a genuine mil-(= itary loss - was the downing of the F-117A Stealth plane on only the third day of air strikes. In propaganda terms, however, the humiliation caused by the loss of the plane was more than outweighed by the textbook rescue of the pilot. Serb pictures of the burning wreckage and its insignia were neutralised in American opinion by reports of the pilot's joyous return to his base.

In the hours before the rescue mission was declared successful, there had been dark mutterings from the ubiquitous military strategists who have taken over from the rescue failed, it would probably be better for the pilot to be dead than captured. Dead, he would be a hero: captured, he would be a liato pluck the three men from their



Protesters demonstrate outside the White House against the Nato bombing of Serbia

captors, something that the Yugoslav authorities will have taken every measure to prevent, the captives are now a liability to the whole Nato operation. The coming hours will deter-

mine whether the American public is swayed by their plight to the point where support for Nato air strikes and for President Clinton starts to crack. But there were already signs that Americans were not as solidly determined to support Nato action over Kosovo to the bitter end as some Europeans, especially Britons. A Gallup poll published yesterday, but taken before the capture of the three soldiers, showed a majority in Britain supporting the deployment of ground troops if necary, but a large majority (twothirds) of Americans opposed.

At the start of the Nato operation, as now polls showed support for air strikes, but not for US ground troops. Americans have become inured to involvement in low-level hostilities that do not cost lives: the lawyers as media experts that, if the air strikes on Iraq that were continuing until two weeks ago caused not a ripple in public opinion.

That lack of concern, however, bility. Short of a spectacular rescue hours when American television started showing the pictures of directly responsible for the refugee

Kosovo refugees and recounting their harrowing experiences at the hands of the Serbs. Refugee pictures have a particular resonance in the US, where millions of people have experiences of their own, or family histories, that include just such forcible eviction.

Those pictures prompted a perceptible shift in the signals sent out by the administration, Last weekend the emphasis had been on "business as usual". "no panic": Mr Clinton spent Sunday at Camp David, and on Monday afternoon played golf. By Tuesday, though, he was making known through reporters that he was "deeply disturbed" by the scenes from the

On Wednesday evening he went on television - in a one-to-one interview with Dan Rather, the "most trusted newsman in America", to reiterate his support for the Nato operation and stress his determination to see it through, Yesterday, he was scheduled to make a troop rallying visit to the Norfolk naval

The administration also spruced up its message, producing official was transformed within a matter of after official to counter the growing wave of accusations that Nato was crisis. While this was, and remains, the Serbian propaganda line, such charges had an inescapable logic.

The wave of women and children crossing the border in Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro, weeping and destitute, had only begun so far as American viewers were aware - in the wake of Nato attacks. And these pictures were hard to dispel, however forcefully and unanimously President Clinton, his Defence Secretary, his Secretary of State and others insisted that the Nato air strikes had been ordered because Serb forces were preparing to sweep Kosovo.

The Pentagon, too, whose daily military briefings had hitherto been bland and uninformative, suddenly sprang into full propaganda mode. producing senior uniformed officers and a barrage of maps, charts and photographs to show the extent of Nato air strikes, and to chronicle at least a tentative, if sanitised, balance of success and failure.

The Pentagon had been under pressure from US reporters, disappointed - and increasingly angered - not only by the lack of detail coming from the Pentagon, but by being consistently upstaged by their colleagues stationed in Europe. While the original discrepancy between the briefings on either side of the Atlantic may have been intentionally arranged to promote Nato as the leading force behind the military action, downplay the US role, and shield the US from criticism should things go wrong, that thinking backfired. American reporters, for whom the brisk doubleact of Jamie Shea and Air Commodore David Wilby had become compulsive breakfast-time

viewing, were surprised and im-

pressed by the unsuspected skill of

the British briefers.

The friction between the Pentagon and other departments that has become apparent in recent days is likely to increase. The bombing of targets inside Montenegro - a part of Yugoslavia that had none the less conducted itself as neutral - has been a particular cause of discord. Mounting evidence of practical miscalculation - from running short of cruise missiles to stockpiling large quantities of food aid in areas that lines - has undermined confidence in the Pentagon's management.

The news yesterday morning only exacerbated that mistrust. The Pentagon evinced a marked ambiguity about which side of the border the captured soldiers had

The leader of the Scottish National

> David Aaronovitch THERE IS no doubt in anyone's mind that Slobodan Milosevic is a brutal dictator with much innocent blood on his hands. That is not, however, the sole issue when the world considers that Nato bombing

Party responds to a

recent article by

The real issue is to come to a judgement as to whether the present campaign can succeed in doing anything effective about him, and, more importantly still, can save the people of Kosovo.

Of course bombing is not the cause of "ethnic cleans and David Aaronovitch in suggesting that such is my posi-tion weakens his whole argument. But his argument is weaker still whenyou consider his core point - his view that there is a direct parallel between opposition to the bombing and the appeasement of the Thirties.

It is not possible to relieve humanitarian disaster just by dropping bombs from a

been when they were reportedly ambushed, and there was no ex-

planation of why their car had be-come separated from the four-car

Ultimately, however, the buck

stops with President Clinton, and to

his credit he has not (yet) tried to

pass it. His fate is now in the hands

of ordinary Americans, no less than

it was over his affair with Monica

Lewinsky. If Americans are content

to regard the three soldiers as un-

fortunate casualties of war, and no

more are taken captive, and Pres-

ident Milosevic is forced to retreat,

he may emerge as the strong nat-

about the capture of the three sol-

diers and elevates them into nat-

ional martyrs, Mr Clinton could quickly find himself in a position not

over the US hostages in Iran, where

his every action and statement is

conditioned by their fate. Then, in-

President who failed because of a

foolish sexual dalliance and the

lies it spawned, he could find him-

self remembered as a President

who failed for a truly presidential

reason: a major political and mili-

tary misjudgement.

similar to that of Jimmy Carter

If, however, the public panics

ional leader he aspires to be.

convoy normally stipulated.

That was not the tactics of the Thirties - the problem that confronted the Allies against Hitler was to re-arm fast enough to wage war; given the unpreparedness of previous years. That was total war - not the naive belief that one type of warfare could produce miraculous results.

I have nothing but admiration and support for our service men and women engaged in the task they have been ordered to carry out. My criticism is directed at those who issue the orders - the politicians. They have to decide whether their actions are to achieve the objectives they have set - and not at any human cost, but at a cost that can be borne. I accept that many good

men and women disagree with my perspective and with the growing number of people who take a similar position to mine. All I ask is that we judge the means by its effects.

A place for belief in miracles

JEAN-PIERRE BELY, a 69-year-old former intensive care nurse from Angouleme, was recently proclaimed as the first unexplained cure at Lourdes in almost a decade. According to the Shrine. Mr Bely visited the Sanctuary in October 1987 and shortly after celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, "felt overcome with a powerful sense of interior liberation we begin to explain such miracles - or spiritual healing. For Lourdes's appeal and peace that he had never before experienced". Within a few hours, he was able to sit up in his bed, to feel contact against his skin and to walk for the tirst time in three years. His health has improved ever since.

The Shrine's International Medical Bureau announced on 9 February that "Mr Bely suffered an organic infection similar to multiple sclerosis in a severe and advanced stage, of which the sudden cure during a pilgrimage to Lourdes [is] unusual and inexplicable according to all the knowledge of science." How, in our secular age, can

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FRIDAY BOOK

LOURDES: BODY AND SPIRIT IN THE SECULAR AGE BY RUTH HARRIS, ALLEN LANE/THE PENGUIN PRESS, £25

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,

Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,

Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

That were a present far too small:

Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Love so amazing, so divine,

Then am I dead to all the globe.

And all the globe is dead to me.

decide whether they are simply an elaborate trick by a hysterical patient, with a body of colluding doctors? The question, and its attendant dilemmas, may seem to be rooted in

pre-millennial preoccupations, But Ruth Harris's stunning history of the Sanctuary shows that the debate dates back to Bernadette Soubirous's visions of 1858. Harris provides a rich cultural context in which to understand how a 14-year-old peasant girl rose to sainthood, founded the Catholic world's most famous shrine. and safeguarded the phenomenon of

FRIDAY POEM

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

BY ISAAC WATTS

From 'Literary Hymns: an anthology', compiled by Mark Bryant

(Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99)

When I survey the wondrous Cross,

My richest gain I count but loss,

And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast

Save in the death of Christ my God;

I sacrifice them to his blood.

All the vain things that charm me most,

See from his head, his hands, his feet.

Sorrow and love flow mingled down;

Where the young prince of Glory died,

is not simply as a place where miracles occur. It draws on an almost medieval inversion of the external world: a sacred place of intense physicality and backbreaking labour, where pain and suffering take centre stage.

Harris explores the genesis of the shrine through Bernadette's writings. eye-witness accounts, and explanations by the major players at Lourdes. But she also makes a compelling argument for understanding Bernadette's vision as a modern example of a medieval tradition that had deep roots in Pyrenean culture. Stor-

ies of miraculous discovery and healing were common throughout the mountain region of south-western France. Bernadette was continuing, rather than inventing, a tradition of peasant girls who had visions near fountains of bubbling waters.

Once her vision had grasped the imagination of local women and then. fortuitously, a Catholic journalist, a local bishop and Amirale Bruat, nanny to the Empress Eugenie's son, the story went national. Inevitably, perhaps, Bernadette was first besieged by pilgrims, then sent to a local boarding school, and finally hidden away at a convent in Nevers. After performing her service as the shrine's inspiration, she was "watched, questioned and disciplined, all at a time when she was subject to frequent illness". She was also punished by the Mother Superior, who kept her a novice for 10 years. She

Meanwhile, Lourdes continued to flourish as its reputation grew as a centre for healing. By 1883, a Medical Bureau was established to investigate the veracity of the pilgrims' extravagant claims. In 1880 alone, the Assumptionists, who chronicled the cures, chalked up 150 of them. The year before, the Shrine's director wrote of the 70 "written records of complete cures and considerable improvements". But it was a Mephistophelean bargain, writes Harris. "On the one hand, the Church gained a measure of scientific sanction for the miraculous; on the other, it ceded some of its authority, no longer willing, it seemed, to pronounce without medical approval."

Underlying the scepticism that has periodically surfaced over the claims to incredible cures, witnesses often record a profound respect for the human suffering and hope they witness. The novelist Emile Zola, who regarded Lourdes as a "miracle show", was astounded by what he saw



Jean-Pierre Bély, suddenly cured

on a visit in 1892. His journals reveal that he found Lourdes disturbing and upsetting. "The continual chanting and endless supplication revealed yearnings that he had hoped - or believed - the 19th century had eradicated," writes Harris.

Lourdes, a city that still ranks as France's greatest tourist attraction outside of Paris, sets Harris's history apart. It is written with a sharp intelligence, a wealth of detail and deep respect for the strange and enduring phenomenon of pilgrimage.



This honest desire to explain

JULIE WHEELWRIGHT



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High Commissioner to Uganda in

1965. There, involuntarily but inev-

itably, he became involved in the

power struggle between the new

President, Milton Obote, and the

Kabaka of Buganda, "King Freddie",

who appealed to him for British help

before his deposition and exile in 1966.

the deteriorating security situation,

Hunt issued public advice to British

subjects to avoid certain roads

which were subject to roadblocks

and attacks by undisciplined units of

the Ugandan Army. Obote chose to

regard this as interference in Ugan-

da's internal affairs and, to avoid the

risk of Hunt's being declared per-

sona non grata, on the advice of the

Minister of State, Judith Hart, he

He was involved in a further

newsworthy event the following year when, as Assistant Under-Secretary

of State with responsibilities for the

Caribbean, he accompanied William

Whitlock, a junior FCO Minister, to

the island of Anguilla where its

leader, Ronald Webster, was trying

to establish its independence from

the associated state of St Kitts-

Nevis. After a fruitless negotiation

to restore legality, and in the absence

of any British security protection, the

British team was forced to withdraw

in some disorder. Hunt looked back

on the incident with considerable

amusement, pointing out that none

of his experiences, there or in Ugan-

da, would have surprised the Greeks.

Sadly, however, bad luck contin-

ued to dog him when what turned

out to be his final diplomatic ap-

was withdrawn from the post.

The following year, as a result of

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KRATEROS IOANNOU became a

Judge of the European Court of Jus-

tice in 1997 and had served for only

18 months before his sudden death

following an operation in New York.

But he had, in that short time, made

his mark as a judge of deep learning.

real independence and impartiality

of mind, and had passionate loyalty

both to the court and to the aims and

The European Court of Justice.

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a ruling on the compatiblity of

Ioannou was born in Thessalon

ki and lived and worked there until

his appointment to Luxembourg. He

was called to the bar of Thessaloni-

ki in 1963 and after taking his doc-

torate in international law in 1971 at

the University of Thessaloniki, he

moved to the University of Thrace,

where he was successively a law lec-

turer, Professor of International and

European Community Law, Dean of

the Law Faculty and Vice-Chancellor.

tional law and European law; over 100

articles have appeared in legal peri-

odicals, and among his many books

are An Introduction to Internation-

al Justice (in Greek, with S. Parrakis,

1984) and The War in the Gulf and In-

ternational Law (Greek, 1992), as well

as a number in French and English.

sorships in the United States, and

served as legal adviser to the Greek

charged with improving the Council

of Europe's Human Rights Conven-

tion. He was also a member of

the Court of the Organisation for

Security and Co-operation in Europe.

life under a brutal occupying power

and had lived, as a young man,

tional ignominy of the dictatorship of

the Colonels. It was natural that his

Without sacrificing his loyalty to Greece, he was acutely conscious of

DAVID EDWARD

the need to find a solution to ancient

Krateros Ioannou, judge: born Thes-

speak with sudden passion.

As a boy, Ioannou had experienced

He held several visiting profes-

He wrote extensively on interna-

national legislation with EU law.

ideals of the European Union.

pointment, in 1970. as High Commissioner to Trinidad and Tobago

was brought to an untimely end by his seriously breaking his leg on the golf course. This involved his being brought home for major surgery and led to his early retirement from the service, though he went on to become British Secretary of the In-

ternational Chamber of Commerce from 1973 until 1976. Hunt was born in Highgate, north London, in 1916. He won a Classics scholarship from Rugby and, after coming down from Queen's Coilege, Oxford, took the exams for entry to the Indian Civil Service in 1938. His success in them resulted

Empire Studies, during which time he married Pauline Garnett. . On the outbreak of war in 1939, Hunt volunteered to join the Army,

in a further year at Oxford doing a

government-sponsored course on

ROLAND HUNT was appointed as but was firmly told that his membership of the ICS had priority, and shortly afterwards he was despatched to Madras. As a newly arrived sub-collector in an up-country district he was not expected to be married, but with characteristic initiative Pauline soon managed to ioin him and their first two sons were born in India.

Roland Hunt

At Independence in 1947 the Hunts returned to London. In 1948 Roland joined the Commonwealth Relations Office and was immediately returned to the subcontinent as a Third Secretary on the staff of the British High Commissioner in Pakistan. Between 1950 and 1952 he was based in Whitehall, dealing with East African security matters. in the course of which he spent some

After Hunt had played the proposed new national anthem on the piano, they agreed it would not do, and returned it to Britten. He was not amused

time in Nairobi as a member of the UK team at the African Defence Facilities Conference. In 1952 he was promoted to be Political Secretary in the High Commission in South Africa, where with his previous defence experience he was appropriately involved in the negotiations for

the Simonstown Agreement. In 1956, on promotion to Counsellor, he was appointed as "John the Baptist" and Deputy High Commissioner designate to prepare the way for the setting up of the new High Commission in Kuala Lumpur prior to Malaya becoming independent in 1957. There he established a close working relationship with the founding Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman. Hunt's son Julian tells the story that when Benjamin Britten's entry to the international competition for Malava's national anthem was received, the Tunku zoomed round with outriders to Hunt's home, where he had to be roused from a sickbed. After Hunt had played the proposed anthem on the piano, they both agreed that it would not do. So they tentatively proposed some modifications and returned the entry to Britten, who was, predictably, not amused. Nothing more was heard from him. and in the end a local dance tune. suitably slowed down, was chosen.

With the ending of the emergency in Malaya, Hunt visited South Vietnam to study and advise on the insurgency problem there. He returned to London in 1960 to attend the Imperial Defence College course, and in 1962 was posted back to Pakistan as Deputy High Commissioner, before being appointed High Commissioner in Uganda in 1965.

Roland Hunt's life was enormously enriched by his love of music, and he gave great pleasure to others as well as to himself through his gifted piano-playing. He had a close-knit family in which, until her death from cancer in 1989, he was powerfully supported by Pauline. She was probably more ambitious for him than he was for himself, and made no secret of her disappointment when his premature retirement deprived him of the knighthood he would probably otherwise have been awarded. Roland himself, on the other hand, had a deeply philosophical approach to events and even after suffering a stroke which seriously impaired his speech and his piano-playing, was Young: 'I want a different sound' prepared to treat life's ups and owns with tolerant amusement.

DAVID SCOTT

Roland Charles Colin Hunt, diplomat: born London 19 March 1916; Deputy High Commissioner in Lumpur 1957-59; Assistant Secretary, Commonwealth Relations Office 1961; British Deputy High Commissioner in Pakistan 1962-65; CMG 1965; British High Commis sioner in Uganda 1965-67; Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Commonwealth Office/Foreign and Commonwealth Office 1967-70; High Commissioner, Trinidad and Tobago 1970-73; Director, British National Committee. International Chamber of Commerce 1973-76; married 1939 Pauline Garnett (died 1989; three sons, two daughters); died Reading, Berkshire 24



A philosophical approach: Hunt, left, with 'King Freddie', the Kabaka of Buganda, in 1965



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Mighty Joe Young

the Federation of Malaya, Kuala | ALTHOUGH HE had not played much guitar for over 10 years - he played on only two tunes on his last album. Mighty Man (1997), and they were recorded before surgery on a pinched nerve in 1986 left his hands virtually poweriess - Mighty Joe Young was still living up to his name as recently as last December, when he was touring the United States with Buddy Guy's Legends show. He had built up a strong following among all who appreciated his continuous efforts to give his blues playing and singing a contemporary feel.

"It's different from traditional blues," he said of his last album, which had as much soul as blues in it, with its punchy horn choruses arranged by Gene "Daddy G" Barge and Willie Henderson, "but it is blues. I like a beautiful arrangement, not a the time. I want a different sound."

Born in 1927 in Shreveport, Louisiana, Young began playing in the early 1950s, working clubs in Milwaukee and then back in his native Louisiana where in 1955 he first recorded for the Jiffy label. He was already well known for his work with the harmonica-player Billy Boy Arnold, the guitarist Jimmy Rogers, and his brilliant contemporary Otis Rush, when in 1961 a manager added

the "Mighty" sobriquet to his name for his solo albums for the little Fire label. The name was borrowed from the 1949 cult movie about a gorilla. Mighty Joe Young, a remake of which was released just last week.

Young is notable in blues history for breaking out of the South Side Chicago ghetto and playing to largely white audiences on the North Side, becoming a regular on the US and European festival and university circuits and at Chicago night-clubs. He played every New Year's Eve at the Wise Fools club for 12 consecutive years, and released an album recorded there. Live at the Wise Fools Pub, in 1990. His playing and singing was in many ways a bridge between the sound of the Chicago blues hands which had nurtured him in his early days, and the soul music over" acceptance; his solo albums included Blues with a Touch of Soul (1970), Legacy of the Blues (1972), Chicken Heads (1974) and Mighty

Joe Young (1976). Young appeared regularly on albums by Magic Sam (Morris Holt). Willie Dixon, Albert King, Jimmy Dawkins, and Tyrone Davis (and also on Davis's hit single, "Can I Change My Mind"), but it was his playing

with Koko Taylor at Chicago's first

recreated on her Grammy-nominated début album Alligator six years later, which helped to establish both of them as contemporary blues

recalled later. "I went in on September 3 and I got back out at the end of October. I was in rehab for a year."

to walk again and regain his strength continued well into his 70th year.

KARL DALLAS

died Chicago 24 March 1999.

foreign ministry. In 1983 he became a member of the Greek delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. From 1989 to 1992 he was chair-Grant Park Blues Festival in 1969, man of the committee of experts

artists of stature. Between tours, in 1986 Young took his band into the studio for a self-financed album over which he would have total artistic control, a project which took over 10 years to I through what he felt to be the nacome to fruition as Mighty Man. After recording only three numbers he went into hospital for surgery on | deepest interest was in the field of a pinched nerve in his neck. "That's human rights, about which he could when things started to go to hell," he

A keen amateur boxer in his early conflicts and enmitties in the Balkans years, he had continued to work out | which would be acceptable in politin the gym all his life - and especially | ical, but more particularly in human, when he strove for 10 years to learn after the operation which disabled him - and with his barrel chest and deep, throaty voice, he had an impressive stage presence which

saloniki. Greece 3 June 1935; Law Lecturer, University of Thrace 1974-77. Professor of International and European Community Law 1977-99. Vice-Chancellor 1988-91: Judge of "Mighty" Joe Young, guitarist and the Court of Justice of the European singer: born Shreveport, Louis- | Communities 1997-99; married iana 23 September 1927; married: | Katerina Floran cone stepdaughter); died New York 10 March 1999.

Charles Gerhardt

CHARLES GERHARDT would often remark that recording had nothing to do with reality, it was the art of illusion. He was a master illusionist within the record industry, a producer of extraordinary ability and energy, who was probably the most prolific in its history. He was also a fine conductor and arranger who remained known only to the recordbuying public.

Born in 1927 and raised in Little Rock, Arkansas, Gerhardt began piano studies at the age of five. During the Second World War he served with the US Navy, in the Aleutians. off Alaska. and returned to study both music and engineering at the University of Illinois and the University of Southern California.

He joined the RCA record label in 1950, at the dawn of the LP era, and with the company still in its golden age. He worked as assistant engineer on sessions with Kirsten

Flagstad, Wanda Landowska, Zinka Milanov and Vladimir Horowitz, and was then seconded to the Toscanini household in Riverdale to become RCA's liaison with their most important artist. Some fascinating taped conversations between Arturo Toscanini and Gerhardt still survive.

Gerhardt also engineered for some of the major pop artists of the period: Mario Lanza, Eartha Kitt, Perez Prado and the Sauter-Finegan Orchestra. His qualities as a future producer first emerged during the New York cast recording of The Boy Friend. Overblown Broadway arrangements had rendered the show almost unrecordable when Gerhardt, who was engineering, stepped in and sent most of the band home. He cut the scoring down to size, busked the rest, and the resulting record was a triumph.

He left RCA in the mid-Fifties to work for several smaller indepenfrom George Marek, head of RCA's classical division, he was ready to return as a fully fledged producer. The entry of the Reader's Digest

company into the mail-order record business was imminent and, in association with RCA, an extensive catalogue of new recordings was being planned. Gerhardt was Marek's choice to produce them. He arrived in Europe in 1960 to start work with "Wilkie" (Kenneth Wilkinson), the legendary chief recording engineer of RCA's then-affiliate, the British company Decca. It was the beginning of a partnership that lasted through 30 years and 4,000 recording sessions.

The work rate in those years was incredible. There was a flood of employment for London musicians; the first season's recording revenue alone was enough to ensure the survival of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

dent companies. When the call came included Barbirolli, Boult, Freccia, Horenstein. Kempe, Leibowitz, Munch, Reiner and Sargent, and it still wasn't enough. Inevitably, he began to conduct himself. He had taken lessons in technique and was the recipient of invaluable advice from Jascha Horenstein. Now he

began to learn on the job. In 1964 Gerhardt asked the violinist Sydney Sax to assemble an orchestra of the highest class purely for recording purposes. Incorporated in 1970 as the National Philharmonic Orchestra, it drew on the finest players from the vast London orchestral and freelance pool. It became Gerhardt's orchestra of

choice for the next three decades. When the imperturbable George Korngold, son of the Hollywood composer, arrived to share production responsibilities, the time had come for Gerhardt to embark on his Gerhardt's roster of conductors most cherished recording project:

the 15 volumes of Classic Film Scores. Meticulously prepared. and performed with irresistible panache. this was the first major exploration of the film music of Erich Korngold, Max Steiner, Franz Waxman, Bernard Hermann, Alfred Newman, Miklós Rózsa, Dimitri Tiomkin and John Williams. The overwhelming success of The Sea Hawk in 1972 led directly to the first recording of a Korngold opera, Die Tote Stadt, which Gerhardt produced in 1975.

Gerhardt refused all invitations to appear in concert. He was a creature of the studio and he valued his privacy. It was part of his job to make other musicians sound wonderful, and he excercised his skills as arranger and conductor for Leontyne Price, Robert White, Julian Lloyd-Webber and James Galway. Gerhardt's version of "Annie's Song", which reached No 3 in the British charts in 1978, established the latter as the best-selling classical artist in the world.

Over the years "Chuck" Gerhardt had become a passionate Anglophile and the English had accepted him as one of their own. In 1986 he made a mistake: he retired, and moved from the Kentish countryside to Southern California. Within a year he was back at work and back in Kent. Finally, he returned to California, a reluctant tax-exile in his own country.

Every year he came back to record in London. In the digital age he had become a kind of splendid anomaly. a producer who was always out on the floor with the musicians; he knew that the essential elements of a performance could not be manufactured in the control room. He was unfailingly kind and generous with young musicians; to know him was to learn.

Among his last recordings is an account of Debussy's Prelude a February 1999.



Gerhardt: creature of the studio

l'après-midi d'un faune so radiantly youthful as to bring a tear to the eye. COLIN BUTLER

Charles Alian Gerhardt, record producer, conductor, and arranger: born Detroit, Michigan 6 February 1927: died Redding, California 22

Roberts: pillar of the establishment and arsonist

O. M. ROBERTS was the last survivor of a crucial event in the history of Welsh nationalism, the burning of buildings at an RAF base near Caernarvon in 1936. His part in it remained shrouded in secrecy for decades.

The attack was intended to register opposition to the construction of an airfield in the heartlands of the Welsh-speaking communities of North Wales. The arsonists intended to galvanise support for the language, which was perceived as being

under particular threat

in Dorset, was turned down because of the famous swannery. The actual perpetrators - Saunders Lewis, then president of Plaid Cymru, the Rev Lewis Valentine, and D.J. Williams, a Fishguard teacher - gave themselves up at the local police station as

soon as the deed was done. Roberts was a member of the back-up team equipped with wirecutters and petrol, used to douse buildings. It was never part of the carefully executed plan that the support team" should be detained: The site had been earmarked they were given ample time to fade after the original choice. Abbotsbury away before the matches were

struck. Their role remained a secret until, in his eighties, Roberts published Oddeutu'r Tan ("Concerning the Fire"), by which time he had become a pillar of the establishment.

O. M. Roberts

When the three were tried at Caernarvon, the jury failed to reach a verdict. The case was transferred to the Old Bailey: where they again refused to give evidence in English and were each sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. On their return, thousands of supporters turned out in Caernaryon to give

them a hero's welcome. More than half a century later, the contrast between the action of Lewis, Valentine and Williams, and the campaign by Meibion Glyndwr ("Sons of Glendower"), the clandestine firebombers credited with attacking more than 200 holiday homes in the

1980s, who were never caught, is the subject of continuing debate in Wales. Born at Llanrug, a Welsh-speaking village near Caernaryon, in 1906, Roberts took a science degree at the University of Wales, Bangor. He then taught in schools in the East End of London before returning to

teach in Llandudno and Bethesda. He was one of the original mem-

bers of Plaid Cymru, founded in 1925. and served as vice-chairman in the late 1940s. In 1952 he entered politics as a member of Conwy Council where he served as mayor before being elected to Caernaryonshire Council. In 1974 it was subsumed into Gwynedd Authority, which he chaired in 1985/86. He retired in 1989.

Although a long-time member of Plaid Cymru, Roberts always contested elections as an Independent - a stance not uncommon in rural Wales. His reason was simple: he said he was not susceptible to the

O. M. Roberts's great love for the Welsh language was fulfilled in 1989 when he chaired the National Eisteddfod in the Conwy Valley. He was tireless in his work for the Urdd Gobaith Cymru, the Welsh youth movement which has a pivotal role in sustaining the Welsh language, a tongue spoken by one in five of Wales's three million people.

TONY HEATH

Oncen Morris Roberts, teacher and politician: born Llanrug, Caernarvonshire 28 March 1906; died Caernaryon 25 February 1999.



Michel Crépeau

ON THE afternoon of 23 March, Michel Crepeau rose to his feet in the French National Assembly and put a question to the Minister for Economic Affairs. All the other deputies waited expectantly. Crepeau was famous for his questions. With his nasal but strong voice, his long sentences filled with pointed subordinate clauses and his constant air of banter, he invariably caused laughter amongst the many and indignation amongst a targeted few.

This time he advised the minister not to reduce the interest rates on certain savings accounts and not to leave decisions on these matters to technocrats because they affected small savers. He accompanied this advice with a remark about the remarkable way in which money had circulated in the days of President Mitterrand, and this, coming from a supporter of the socialist government, caused hilarity amongst the opposition.

But when Crepeau had finished his question, as he sat down, he collapsed. He had suffered a severe heart attack. With the television cameras still working, amidst scenes of great confusion. he was given emergency treatment by those politicians present who were qualified doctors before being taken to the Cochin hospital. It was there that he died on 30 March.

At the time of his death, Crepeau was the leader of the group calling itself Radical, Citizen and Green, a small collection of deputies representing leftwing radicals, the Citizens' Socialist party and certain of the ecologists. Deputy for La Rochelle, he had been elected as a left-wing radical (Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche). In one sense, Crepeau was an "an-

eien" in French politics. He always saw himself as a Radical in the tradition of did not want this. They did not want dog-

the party that dominated the Third Republic after 1901. His model was Edouard Herriot, who had been "the Republic in person". He came from the south-west, which had always been a Radical stronghold; he was a lawyer by profession; and, most important of all, he had a local power-base, having been mayor of La Rochelle for nearly 30 years.

But he was also a "moderne". He had supported Pierre Mendes France in his attempts to make the Radical party more conscious of the changing world around them. He quarrelled with Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber when he was leading the party in 1971, accusing him of "neo-Gaullism" and of a liking for

matic socialist ideas thrust down their throats, they did not want a Jacobian state where everything was decided in Paris and they did not believe that the population of France should be treated as if they were one identical mass.

Crepeau, in this Radical tradition, believed in the presentation of local in-. terests, in gradual change, in a secular humanism that would promote the welfare of ordinary families. He wanted decentralisation and he feared the machinations of multi-national companies as much as he feared regulation from Brussels

Therefore in the presidential elections of 1981 he announced that he was a can-

Crépeau was both ancien and moderne. In the Radical tradition, he believed in the presentation of local interests, in gradual change, in a secular humanism

hard-minded capitalism. He was determined that the Left should come to power and in 1972 he was co-founder of the Left Wing Radical group (with Robert Fabre, a pharmacist from the Avevron department) and he was one of the strong supporters of the Joint Programme that was agreed between Communists, Socialists and Radicals to fight elections. He replaced Fabre in 1978 when

Fabre quarrelled with the Communists. But Crepeau did not believe that the left-wing Radicals should simply become Socialists. He claimed that the population living in the small provincial towns didate. In this way be would preserve the rand's support for the doubtful personidentity of his party. In the first ballot he got 22 per cent of the votes cast. He then announced that he supported François Mitterrand for the second ballot. In this way he maintained the existence of a "special relationship" between his Radicals and the triumphant Socialists.

He personally got his reward. He became Minister for the Environment in the first government of the new regime, which was a recognition of the interest that he had shown in ecological measures since he had become mayor of La Rochelle in 1979. There he had been the pioneer of roads that were for pedes-

in the town. He had some 400 bicycles specially painted and put at the disposition of the townsfolk this enemies were able to say that many of them mysteriously disappeared). He experimented with heating by sunlight and he created a nucleus of lorries, cars and motorbikes powered by electricity.

trians only and of special motorless days

As mayor of La Rochelle he had to deal with the economic crisis arising from the closure of the naval shipbuilding yards. His policy was mainly to attract tourists. Since the French navy no longer commissioned new ships, Crepeau started on a 10-year project to build an 18th-century boat, a repro duction of the Hermione which took Lafavette to America. He also had as a firm line of policy to prevent La Rochelle from growing too big. He sought always to co-operate with the other towns of the region, such as Poitiers, Angoulème and Niort. Only in his determination to have a university in La Rochelle has friction occurred with Poitiers.

Créoeau had other ministerial posts under Mitterrand, but was dropped after 1988. He di age of Bernard Tapie as Minister in charge of towns. In 1995 he hit the headlines with a municipal order forbidding any begging in La Rochelle.

As was always the case with Michel Crepeau, this order received great support and was immediately initiated by mayors in other towns of the south (Pau, Tarbes, Peroignan, Valence). But it also aroused widespread condemnation.

DOUGLAS JOHNSON

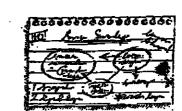
QUEEN'S COUNSEL

The Queen has approved the

appointment of the following

as Queen's Counsel:

Michel Crépeau, lawyer and politician: born Fontenay-le-Comte. France 30 October 1930; died Paris 30 March 1999.



CULTURAL NOTES JONATHAN DOLLIMORE

Without death, there would be nothing

away from death. Or so we're told by those like Philippe Aries, the eminent historian of death. In the most industrialised, urbanised, and technologically advanced areas of the Western world, says Aries, "society has banished death . . . Everything in town goes on as if nobody died any more." Like most advocates of this view, Aries believed that in earlier times people had a healthier attitude to death: they accepted it as part of the natural order. Death to them was "tame", whereas for us it has become so traumatic as to be in need of denial. But the thinkers and art-And yet this preoccupation

ists of the past and the present suggest a different story: be it in visual arts, literature or philosophy, they tell us that death has never been tame in Western culture: and the more traumatic it has become, the more profoundly they have contemplated it. Although you don't get this from Shakespeare in Love (a film which gives superficiality a bad name), the world's greatest dramatist, like most of his imaginative contemporaries. was obsessed with death. And this wasn't just the comfortable melancholy of carpe iem – live for the day – it was also the grimmer preoccupation with how death, and its medium, time, disintegrate

verything into oblivion. The truth of things seemed to lie in their decay and dissolution, in their ceas

the graveside, holding the still rotting (and stinking) skull of Yorick. Less well known but no less compelling are those Renaissance illustrations of rotting corpses (called "transi"); sometimes they are shown being actively decomposed by worms (they even had a word for it: "vermiculation"). Many at this time made the perverse, imaginative leap whereby the real energy of the universe seemingly resided not in the generative life force, but the disintegrating potency of death. For many today this seems morbid, pathological and even morally offensive.

the West has seen In some respects the modern period has rediscovered this older way of thinking and feeling about death. Philosophically, aesthetically and erotically, the merciless immanence of death was discerned by some of the most influential thinkers from the later 19th century through into the 20th. They include 'continental" philosophers like Schopenhauer, Nietzsche Heidegger, Bataille and

with death was integral to the

Renaissance, arguably the greatest period of intellectu-

al and aesthetic production

Kojeve. And, of course, Freud. About six months into the First World War, Freud predicted that this conflict would revive an older attitude to death; from now on he warned. "if you want to en-

TO BE modern is to turn ing to be. Think of Hamlet at dure life, prepare yourself away from death. Or so the graveside, holding the for death." Freud went on to disturb many with theory of the death drive which said. in brief, that "the aim of all life is death". This too was a revival of an older idea. one well understood in the

All this is of course alien to the analytic tradition of philosophy which mostly avoids such existential reflection; one recalls the analytic philosopher who, asked the meaning of life, never got beyond a consideration of the meaning of the word "life". But it is a way of thinking hugely influential for the artist: we need only recall the profound influence Schopenhauer's views of death had on Wagner's Tristan. This – in his own words - is what the musician "took" from the philosopher: "the genuine ardent longing for death, for absolute unconsciousness, total non-existence".

Without death there would be no philosophy. So said Schopenhauer, Montaigne and many others back to the Ancient World. We should add that without death there would be no art, certainly not as we think of it. For more than two millennia some artists and philosophers have gone even further and embraced the ultimate paradox: without death, which destroys everything, there would be nothing.

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The day when even God needs a scapegoat THE BILLY Connolly joke is with the dramatic reading of them, for they know not what

well known. Thomas turns up late for the Last Supper, and is met by a very merry Peter. Peering round the door. Thomas sees that the disciples have all been tucking into takeaways and lager. "Thomas, I've got some bad news and some good news," says Peter. The bad news is that Jesus has been arrested. The good news is that Judas has come into some money."

I like the joke, because it goes against the grain. Judas generally gets a bad press, both in the New Testament and beyond. In Christian tradition the name Judas Iscariot is synonymous with betrayal. In Dante's Inferno Judas belongs in the inner ring of Hell along with Cassius and Brutus, the Great Traitors. A nasty beast gnaws on them for eternity,

even as they live. And yet the New Testament tells us very little about Judas. It only hints. Perhaps he was thief? Or a disillusioned political zealot? Maybe a "double agent", in hock to Calaphas? One modern writer suggests that Jesus is "betrayed somewhere in the lost childhood of Judas". It wasn't his fault -

blame his parents. Poor old Judas. The Gospel writers all agree he is sick and evil, and appear to give us at least three possibilities as to why: he was in it for the money; he was politically disaffected; or, he was possessed by the Devil. Of course these are not in themselves competitive theories about Judas's betraval; they may in fact turn out to be complementary.

The point is that when a gross and evil act is committed, even the gospel writers are not above the language of blame and scapegoating. In shifting the responsibility – all too easily from a tragic and suicidal human individual on to an evil and cosmic dimension - in which Satan appears to triumph over God, the Evangelists miss a trick

as Queen's Counsel:

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The readings leave us in

Jesus's death rests mostly with a Jewish crowd, baying for blood. Judas is at the end of this narrative, the arch-betraver and instrument of Satan. Greed and disenchantment get the better of him. The Romans, strangely, are just Gentiles going about their job: Jesus's execution isn't their fault. Or ours, for that matter.

ARGUMENTS FOR EASTER

MARTYN PERCY

Poor Judas. The tendency to lay the blame for the sin of the world at the feet of one man is not restricted to Gospel writers. Look around

The anti-Semitic tone to some of the Passion narratives makes many Christians squirm today. And so does the treatment of Judas at the hands of the Gospel writers. Laying full blame at the feet of one race or one man seems crude, simplistic and even primitive. Isn't running away just as much a betrayal? Surely the Gospels say we are all implicated in the death of Jesus? Yet those crude instincts reflected in the Gospels live on today. One person to blame is convenient and neat; it lets us off the book. The suicide of Judas just confirms the notion that he was always unreliable; one bad apple

Judas is, in reality, the

spoiling the barrel.

they do." He is despised and rejected, a man acquainted with grief. He gets mixed up the time. Like his master, he will die, hanging from a tree. He ends with no hope or secuno doubt that the blame for rity; like Jesus, he is misunderstood, his ambitions turned

to ashes. A few years ago, the artist Laurence Whistler created a set of 13 engraved-glass windows for a church in Dorset, picturing the 12 disciples, with the 13th being for Christ, It was the 12th of these windows, featuring Judas's salvation. that was the subject of much controversy, because the parish rejected it. The church clearly felt Judas belonged in Hell. with Cassius, Brutus and their other treacherous friends; but Whistler, the artist, drew on other Christian traditions.

Julian of Norwich, in one of her "Shewings", went to hell and found no one there, "not even a Jew". Catherine of Siena would not go to Heaven if she thought there was "a single soul in Hell". Origen, Clement of Alexandria and Gregory of Nyssa thought that Hell might not be forever. "All intelligent beings will in the end be saved . . . to share in the grace of salvation."

Laurence Whistler's controversial engraved window was nicknamed "the forgiveness window", for it showed Judas with a rope around his neck being pulled into heaven. As he did so, the coins (blood money) fell from his hands and became petals and blossoming flowers on the ground. This is the very inversion of Dante's vision of what befell Judas, and, of course, it ties in with another rather nice modern

myth about Judas. Noting that on Good Friday and after the death of Jesus, all the disciples dispersed and ran away, one modern writer asks where we might find Mary, the mother of Jesus, on this very afternoon? Why, of course, she suggests, round at Judas's house - comforting his mother.

Martyn Percy is Director of shadow of Jesus in Holy the Lincoln Theological Insti-Week. He too can cry, "Forgive tute, at Sheffield Universitu

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

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BIRTHDAYS

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce. First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, 56: Sir Jack Brahham, racing driver, 73: Sir Graham Bright, former MP. 57; Mr Linford Christie. athlete, 39; Mr Richard Collinge, cricketer, 53; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin, 81; Sir Richard Dobbs, former Lord-Lieutenant of Co Antrim. 80; Sir Christopher France, former senior civil servant, 65; Mr George MacDonald Fraser, writer and journalist, 74; Mr Paul Gambaccini, disc jockey: 50; Miss Catherine Gaskin, romantic novelist, 70: Mrs Myra Green. director of the East European Partnership, VSO. 61: Mr Raymond Gubbay, concert promoter, 53; Sir Alec Guinness, actor, 85; The Right Rev Richard Hawkins, Suffragan Bishop of Crediton, 60; Mr Barry Hills, racehorse trainer, 62: Sir lan Hunter, impresario, 80; Miss Penelope Keith.

actress, 59; Sir Peter Mid-

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clays Bank, 65; **Maj-Gen** Christopher Popham, 72; Mr Michael Rizzello, sculptor and coin designer, 73; Sir Denis Rooke, former chairman. British Gas, 75; Dr John Skone, past President Society of Public Health, 75: Miss Sue Townsend. writer, 53: Mr Denis Tuohy. broadcaster, 62.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Charlemagne (Charles I, Carolus Magnus) King of the Franks and Emperor of the West, 742; Hans Christian Andersen, writer, 1805; William Holman Hunt, Pre-Raphaelite painter, 1827; Emile-Edouard Charles-Antoine Zola, novelist. 1840: Sir Neville Cardus. cricket and music writer, 1889. Deaths: Samuel Finley Breese Morse, inventor, 1872; Cecil Scott Forester, novelist, 1966; Georges-Jean Raymond Pompidou, President of France, 1974. On this day: the Royal Society was granted its Charter, 1663; the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race was first broadcast,

1927; Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands, 1982. Today is Good Friday and the Feast Day of Saints Apphian and Theodosia, St. Francis of Paola, St John Payne, St Mary of Egypt, St Nicetius or Nizier of Lyons and St Zosimus.

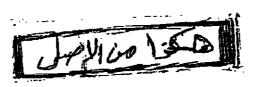
SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 7.17pm. United Synagogues: 0181-342 8989. Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202 2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation: 0171-299 2573. New London Sya-agogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1026.

LECTURES

Victoria and Albert Museum: Grace Lees. "Women Designers in the 20th Century", 2pm.

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If a man strikes you, you should turn the other cheek, says the Bible. But if your assailant is one of the athletic evangelists known as the Power Team, it might be better to run away. They're spiritual, but they are also large. By Ann Treneman



Fridge-freezers for Jesus

statistics cannot do justice to his extreme ginormousness. He is a fridge-freezer with skin. He is so big. in fact, that I cannot speak. The man has just flown in from Texas. He is jet-lagged. He has bothered to come all the way to Hackney in east London to tell me what it is like to be a Muscleman for God. He has also promised to break a few concrete blocks. I should be talking to him about his life, his work, his story. Instead I am staring at his neck.

It is a tree trunk. James is saying something about God when I interrupt. "So how big is your neck?" I ask. His gold tooth flashes.

at his black tracksuit and wonder if he always has to wear stretchy material Then I wonder who sat next to this guy in the plane all the way from Texas. Then I ask whether he has ever met anyone who was so big. "Well I met myself this morning when I woke up," he says rather gently. I do not want to make this man angry. It is time to snap out of it.

This is easier said than done when you are at the Kingsway International Christian Centre. This is one of the fastest-growing churches in Britain and it is located in what used to be a warehouse, next to the dog track, on an industrial estate in

loop. The church's motto is "Raising Champions, Fulfilling Dreams!", and it publishes a magazine called Winning Ways. On the first page there is an article called "Ten Things Single Women Should Not Do". These include "Don't Get Foolishly Passionate" and "Don't Get Into Foolish Submission".

James, plus some 25 other members of the Power Team, are providing the Easter entertainment here this year. It is a Biceps for Christ kind of show, with the men blowing up hot-water bottles, snapping baseball bats, breaking walls of concrete, bending steel bars and rip-Hackney. There is no steeple here, ping up phone books. In between vio-

largest man I have ever some more. To fill the silence, James there are 4,000 orange plastic chairs Lord. The whole thing is a bit like has perfected the art of breaking met. He is 6ft 5in and volunteers the fact that he has to and a PA system that seems to play evangelical wrestling. On Monday blocks of ice with his head. have his clothes tailor-made. I look the New Testament on a continuous there is a special show with a mass baptism. A pool has been rented and at least 400 are expected to get wet. There are two kinds of Ameri-

cans: polite ones and rude ones. James Henderson and his fellow Power Team member, Jeff Neal, are in the first category. In fact, they may be founding members of the first category. They call me "ma'am" quite a few times before we even sit down in the orange chairs for a chat. Behind us, on the dais, some wavy concrete blocks are stacked up, ready for demolition. The Power Team manager wants to know whether James is going to split them with forearm, elbow or hand. It is decided that this one is for the elbow. I am

James introduces me to Jeff Neal, Man of Steel. He is relatively tiny, at 6ft 2in and 335lb. He was brought up a Christian, but found his own particular divine moment at age 13. Since then he has been "walking with the Lord". Both he and James talk in an evangelical kind of way. When something important has happened in their lives, it has been "divine intervention". They say that the Lord always picks you up when you are down. They say that they are in the Power Team as a way of getting our attention, and then they make a bid to save our souls.

I ask about drugs. It is the obvious question in the circumstances. Jeff used to play professional Amer-

ies Henderson is the "Twenty-three inches." I stare at him or stained glass, or pews. Instead lent outbursts, they talk about the told that one Power Team member ican football. He is a champion weight-lifter. James is the four-Drug-Free Power-Lifting Champion. Just try getting that on a name badge. But, really, what about drugs? "No! And I never have. My strength is enhanced naturally," insists James. Is he sure? "Well, I've drunk a couple of beers in my life," he says. "That was before the Lord."

says Jeff. "You don't drink at all now." They advise me how to blow up a hot-water bottle, and then James stands up and walks stiffly towards the stacked concrete. I ask why he is limping. He says that he has come all the way from Texas and is stiff. I ask him if I am irritating him. He says that he cannot be irritated and taps my arm in a sort of a power josh. (Later, I check for bruises.)

James says crashing through bricks is all about technique, not times World Heavyweight Lifetime-strength. "You need consistent drive," he says. He stands behind the bricks and says "Pray for me." I think this may have been a joke. Then there is a blur, a thud and a crash. The pulpit area is littered in concrete. The team manager tells me that it is far more impressive when the concrete is on fire. I pause. How does that happen exactly? Divine intervention? None, he says - lighter fuel.

> The Power Team appears at 6.30pm every night until Monday 5 April, at the Kingsway International Christian Centre, 57 Waterden Road, Hackney. Free bus service from Hackney Town Hall and Stratford. The hotline is on 0181-525 0000

'I had two mad children to deal with'

Disruptive behaviour in the classroom is on the rise - and starting ever earlier. Many teachers are throwing in the towel. By Jack O'Sullivan

WHEN JOE was upset, he threw chairs around the classroom. "He would just go up to children and punch them in the stomach," recalls his teacher. Paul was nearby. "He would never sit down. He would rip up other children's work. He would run off whenever he could. He was also smelly, so other children made fun of him. Basically, I had two mad children to deal with."

These were just two eight-yearolds in a London junior school, among 28 others in whom this teacher tried to instil the basics. She has given up teaching now. She became so depressed at having to struggle to maintain order, never mind teach, and disillusioned that she could do so little for Joe or Paul.

"It was believed that Joe had been sexually abused in strange circumstances," she recalls. "His mother was into black magic. Paul's mother was a drug addict in and out of prison. There was a suspicion that his stepfather had been abusing him I finally got both of them "statemented" which meant that they would get some external expert help. By that time they had already been in the school for four years."

Such tales of hellish classes are increasingly common, in both junior and secondary schools. This week they have been much discussed at the various teachers' conferences during the Easter holidays. The

whole country seems to be affected. In Cleveland one class has been banned from playing football against other schools, after throwing stones at their opponents. In Newcastle, a

a teacher recalls an incident that was particularly dangerous for a colleague. "He was doing supply, filling in for the day at a secondary school. He asked the class to do their work and every other word from them was a swear word. 'I'm not effing doing that,' they said. So there was no way he was going to get any work out of them. At the end of the day, he asked them to put their chairs on their desks for the cleaners. Next thing, he found all the desks had been pushed forward and all the chairs collapsed around him. He could

have been badly injured." These stories are not confined to

car just missing her. In Nottingham, pline. It is a problem that really makes me question whether I should stay on as a teacher."

The most surprising aspect of the problem is the number of children who are disruptive at junior level, yet their cases receive little special attention. Here, a teacher speaks of her probationary year at a junior school in Suffolk. "I had one little boy who would sit under the table biting children's legs. It took a long time to get him under control. Another boy would sit in the corner, making high-pitched noises. Another was an obsessive compulsive, who insisted on opening and shutting the door and would occasionally get very

knew. I counselled the child in my anything is done," explains the forbreak times and after school, but there are so many children needing this type of help, you cannot afford to do it for long. In the same class, one pupil beat his own hands so hard

into the wall that they bled. "It took me two years to get this class properly under control. But, after I left, everything fell to pieces. It was either because the new teachers did not have the control skills, or because there was not enough professional support."

There are solutions both in terms of better discipline and expert psychological support. Many London teachers, for example, sing the

mer head of modern languages at a London comprehensive. "I know of a student who is a Zairean refugee. She witnessed a third of her family being shot. She has had no grief counselling. She is very insecure having arrived in Britain under the label 'asylum seeker'. She has had nothing done for her. She is in class and, in truth, she is off her head."

The problems will not be solved, solely by psychological support. All of these teachers spoke of failure at the top of schools to implement coherent, well-structured disciplinary procedures. They talked of feeling abandoned by headteachers and senior staff when dealing with disruptive pupils, so that in the end expulsion was the only option. They commented on how different life could be, highlighting schools with strong heads, where good support from year heads and form tutors has

nipped many problems in the bud. "It is very demoralising and distressing," says the former head of modern languages. "I remember a girl throwing a box of books against a wall, and having to warn the others to duck. They could have been seriously injured. The girl was eventually permanently excluded. We discovered she had been abused. However, by the time she was excluded, the mental scarring was so deep, she could not function in a school. No one picked her problems up. No one wanted to pick them up. These days, we have not got time."

Names have been changed to disguise identities



Violent children often come from violent homes Paul Massey

difficult inner city areas. Jon Payne, a former civil servant, has spent the

past year working as a supply English teacher in affluent parts of Berkshire and Hampshire. "I came across a complete lack of respect for you as an individual. I had worked in the independent sector, where it was possible to teach rather than simply maintain order. I had also taught in the poorer parts of Hartlepool, where you might expect there to be problems. Yet even though those areas were depressed, children seemed better behaved. In the past year, though, I have noticed an incredible deterioration in stan-

angry and punch people.
"This was a mainstream class of eight- and nine-year-olds. They

'The problem children needed one-to-one teaching and access to a

psychologist. They did not get that help, so the whole class suffered'

needed much more input than I could offer. They needed one-toone teaching and access to a psychologist, but they did not get that help, so the whole class suffered." An inner London teacher, who has

also dropped out, speaks of her distress at needy younger children missing out on the skilled support they require: "One child threw chairs around the class. I discovered that his parents' marriage had split up, but they were still living near each other and the father was very pupil aimed a firework at a teacher's dards and general lack of disci-violent. It was the only behaviour he lem is often very advanced before

praises of the Tavistock Clinic, which specialises in child psychotherapy. "An expert can assess a child and then go back to the teacher and explain the root of the problems and how best to approach the child. But it is so hard to get a referral," says one London teacher. A governor of a London junior school explains: "We really value help from the Tavistock. but at a time when our numbers are doubling, we have had to halve the

budget for such services." Getting belp, even if there is money, can also be painfully slow. "A large file of documentation is usually required, which means that a prob-

SCIENCE

Can a laboratory in York halt the march of the tiny pests that cause £100m worth of damage every year? By Simon Hadlington

The Day of the Aphids

ngela Douglas is not like the rest of us. When she examines the underside of the leaves of and discovers a teeming population of tiny aphids, she does not look aghast and instinctively reach for the insecticide gun. On the contrary, these aphids are being encouraged to thrive, because the broad beans are not in Dr Douglas's vegetable plot; they are being grown under carefully controlled conditions in a laboratory at the University of York. Dr Douglas is leading a research

team that is asking some fundamental questions about aphid biology: And the answers that are being unearthed could present new ways of tackling this major pest which is not only the scourge of the gardener, but also causes an estimated £100m of damage to commercial crops each year in the UK. The aphid is simply Britain's most economically destructive insect pest.

There are around 4.400 species of aphid worldwide, although the vast majority are in fact innocuous. In this country there is a handful of species which are a nuisance, and these become a problem to gardeners and farmers throughout the summer, from May onwards. Aphids damage plants first by feeding on the plant's sap and thereby taking away its nutrients, and secondly by transmitting viruses that attack plants.

Aphids feed on nutrients that travel around the plant in vessels called sieve-tubes. The aphid inserts specialised needle-like mouthparts stylets - into the plant and plugs into a sieve-tube. Once in place, the aphid can remain for several days.

imbibing the plant sap at its leisure. For the York biologists it is at this point that things get interesting. Plant sap is nutritionally poor. consisting mainly of sucrose, a few amino acids and a small handful of minerals. In particular, the sap is deficient in the so-called essential amino acids. Amino acids are the building blocks of proteins, which form the machinery of every living cell. There are 20 amino acids; animals can synthesise 11 of them from raw ingredients. However, the acids, cannot be synthesised; they two-thousandths of a millimetre must be obtained intact from across are spherically shaped and to the nearby egg cell where they are



There are around 4.400 species of aphid worldwide, but in Britain the few harmful species manage to wreak havoc in gardens and fields Planet Earth Pictures

entomological equivalent of junk food - is insufficient to sustain an aphid. Nevertheless, it is all that the aphid eats. So the question is: how does the aphid make up for the sap's lack of essential amino acids?

Dr Douglas believes she knows the answer And the key is this: when you kill an aphid you kill not just one organism but millions - because every species of aphid known has about 10 million bacteria crammed inside its body cavity.

These bacteria belong to the genus Buchnera. They are about cannot survive for any length of time Clearly, on its own, plant sap - the outside the insect's body. They live

inside relatively large cells of the aphid, called mycetocytes. A single mycetocyte may contain several thousand bacteria, each surrounded by a cell membrane. The myce tocytes are packed tightly into the insect's body cavity.

Remarkably, the bacteria are passed on from mother to offspring. Most female aphids reproduce parthenogenetically - that is, the eggs are not fertilised by males. As the egg develops within the mature female, bacteria are expelled from the mycetocyte cells by a proces called exocytosis. They then migrate enveloped, or "endocytosed". In this way, each egg cell receives about 100 bacteria from the mother. So each aphid offspring emerges into the world ready-equipped with its own population of bacteria.

"Here at York we have been trying to establish whether the bacteria are important to the aphids' survival," says Dr Douglas. "And if they are, what role do they play?"

The first step was to eliminate the bacteria and see what happened to the adult aphids. "To do this we fed aphids with antibiotics the moment they were born," says Dr Douglas. microscope and testing them for the presence of bacterial DNA, we were

These aphids were allowed to feed on plants and their growth and reproductivity were compared with a normal population.

We found that the aphids without the bacteria grew very poorly," says Dr Douglas. "Many reached adulthood at less than one-fifth of their normal size. And whereas untreated insects produced between 50 and 80 offspring over three weeks, the aphids treated with antibiotic produced either no offspring at all. or stillborn offspring, or young that clear that the aphids have an absolute requirement for the bacteria."

the bacteria were providing their

host with the essential amino acids that were absent from the plant sap. To test this, the researchers again used antibiotic-treated insects. They fed them with the raw ingredients they needed to synthesise amino acids, tagged with a radioactive label. After a period of time they analysed the contents of the aphids

bodies to see which amino acids were present "We found that aphids with bacteria contained the full range of amino acids, both essential and "On the other hand, the insects treated with antibiotics had no Dr Douglas hypothesised that essential amino acids at all. It seems clear that the bacteria are synthes-

ising essential amino acids for their host organism."

But the story of Buchnera's indirect role in maintaining the aphid's pest status does not end with its nutritional munificence. Aphids transmit viruses between plants; one class of economically important plant viruses spread by aphids is the luteoviruses. Virus particles are ingested by the aphid in plant sap. They travel into the gut, then are transported across the gut wall into the body cavity. Eventually, the virus comes into contact with cells of the aphid's salivary glands and gets transported into the salivary duct. becoming excreted with the saliva

when the aphid feeds. At the Research Institute for Plant Protection in Wageningen, in the Netherlands. Dr Hans van den Heuvel has discovered that luteoviruses bind to a particular protein inside the aphid's body, which enables them to survive the journey between one plant and another. This protein, it turns out, is produced by Buchnera It is suspected that the bacterial protein somehow protects the virus particle from attack by enzymes inside the aphid's body.

When the bacteria are experimentally eliminated by antibiotics the aphids are a much less efficient transmitter of the virus. One obvious question arising from both the British and the Dutch work is whether new aphicides can be developed based on the relationship between the bacteria and the insect. "Clearly, antibiotics could kull the insects, but that is self-evidently unacceptable as there are aiready too many antibiotics around, 'says Dr Douglas, who stresses that the work at York with antibiotics has been done under strictly controlled laboratory conditions.

However, Dr Douglas is convinced that detailed biochemical investigation of the membrane that surrounds the individual bacteria within the mycetocyte could well reveal a signalling system - a protein, say - unique to this partnership, which could provide a highly specific target for a pestcontrol agent.

That remains a research project for the future. In the meantime, those of us who wish to protect our the more conventional methods of zapping these irritating, yet fascinating, pests. Or else hope that it is a good year for ladybirds.

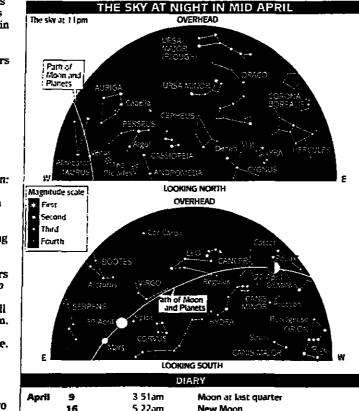
STARS AND PLANETS: APRIL

ON 24 APRIL, Mars reaches its closest point to the Earth this year. You can't miss seeing it in the sky - it shines brightly all night, an orange-red, untwinkling point of light. Mars is red because it literally is rusty. Particles of iron in its now-dry descrts were once washed by water, the elixir of life. How much water - and when it flowed - is not yet known. But we shall almost certainly find out within the next 10 years, and, in parallel, the answer to the Big Question: was there ever life on Mars? Mars is now under invasion

from our robotic planetary probes. The Mars Global Surveyor is currently collecting unprecedentedly detailed images of the planet from Mars's orbit, while Nasa's Mars Climate Orbiter is on course to reach the Red Planet on 23 September. Once in orbit, it will study Mars's water distribution. as well as keeping a weather eye on the Martian atmosphere. A fellow Nasa probe, the Mars Polar Lander, is

scheduled to rendezvous with the planet on 3 December. On its way down, it will drop off two tiny probes designed to penetrate two metres into the ground below Mars's southern icecap. The Polar Lander itself, equipped with a robotic arm for geological investigations, will also be able to dig down into the subsoil. Scientists hope that these "excavations" - the first ever on another world - will reveal 100,000 years of Martian

This is just the beginning. The Japanese Nozomi craft will reach Mars in 2004; and Nasa is planning combined Lander-Rover missions to be launched in 2001, 2003 and 2005. The first may deliver a robot aircraft to fly over the surface of Mars exactly



100 years after the Wright brothers took off at Kitty Hawk. These missions are already provoking some hard thinking.

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Full Moon

The jewel in the crown, of course, would be to discover signs of life in the Martian rocks But would we recognise it even if it were staring us in the face? The tiny nodules in the

famous "Martian meteorite" are still contentious, despite years of study. After the initial excitement surrounding these claimed "lossilised bacteria".

most scientists ruled them out as being too small. Yet "nanobacteria" of a similar size have recently been discovered on Earth - so we may have to think again. A few scientists go so far as to believe that primitive organisms may still live on the Red Planet, from evidence collected by the Viking probes 20 years ago. Whatever the truth, there will be great care taken to sterilise the rock samples so that - if there is life on Mars - it won't contaminate life on Earth.

Earth will contaminate Mars. The final goal of all the robotic missions will be a crewed mission to Mars early next century. There will be so much more that humans can do than a probe, however intelligent. Some scientists believe that the mission could take place in 2014. But it's more likely to happen in July 2019 - the 50th anniversary of the first manned landing on the Moon. It will mark a new era in our relationship with the Red Planet and could be an important step on the road to its eventual colonisation.

Inevitably, though, life on

What's up this month The planet Venus is looking sensational this month, setting four hours after the Sun at about midnight in mid-April. In the spring twilight, it shines like a lantern. Catch it early enough with binoculars or a small telescope - when the contrast between planet and sky is least - and you'll see it showing a phase like a slightly bulging

The other object putting on a good show is this month's "star", the planet Mars, recognisable from its red colour. The other planets - Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn - are all too close to the Sun to be visible. As for the stars, the spring

constellations Leo and Virgo are holding centre stage. In our annual trek around the Sun, we have reached a point where our night-time "window" has moved past winter constellations such as Orion and Canis Major. These are now setting in the west before midnight. Follow the curve of the handle of the Plough (part of Ursa Major) downwards to hit the red giant Arcturus – fourth-brightest star in the sky, and a sure sign that spring is here.

Hunt for the secret of immortality

CHANGES THAT occur with ageing are numerous and include increased risk of cancer, poorer wound healing. a less effective immune system and an increasing interest in why and how we age. There is no shortage of theories; they range from assuming there is a biological clock that winds us down, to placing the blame on cells losing their ability to multiply.

My own view has always been the "motor car" theory, namely that parts just wear out; just look at my knees. A nice example comes from elephants, some of whom die of old age when their teeth are so worn down that they can no longer eat. But the hot focus at present is on the telomeres. Telomères? Hardly a term in everyday use, but it could become as familiar in relation to ageing as serotonin is to depression. Telomeres are specialised DNA

sequences at the ends of each chromosome. One of their functions is to protect the chromosome from damage by chemicals that could break it down. When the cell divides the chromosomes are duplicated, and there is a special enzyme that is involved in duplicating the telomeres. However, this enzyme is not present in all cells and its absence may be linked to ageing, for the telomeres may be used to count how many times a cell has divided.

The conventional wisdom until the Sixties was that when cells were placed in a suitable culture medium they would continue to proliferate for ever - they were essentially "immortal". But it was wrong. When human cells from connective tissue, for example, are cultured, they will go through about 50 divisions and then stop dividing. And the older the person from whom they are taken, the fewer times they will divide. It seems that telomeres are doing the these mice being inbred, they



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counting, for each time one of those cells in culture divides, the end of the telomere is not properly duplicated. so that the telomere gets shorter and shorter with each division. The evidence for this, and it is a lovely experiment, is to add the enzyme that synthesises telomeres - telomerase - to the cells in culture; they then become "immortal" and will multiply indefinitely.

If you eat little you will live longer - I like the idea of food being dangerous

But cells stopping dividing in culture are a long way from the muitiple aspects of ageing in the human body and seem hard to relate, for example, to impairment in thinking, memory and physical strength.

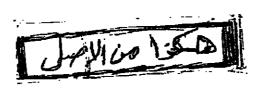
But very new work is suggestive. What they did was to make mice that had no telomerase, and so when the cells divided, their telomeres got shorter. After several generations of

showed premature greying and pair loss; they were ageing pre...atarely and had, for example, redu. ed capacity to repair wounds. There were also suggestive similarities with a human condition, known as Werner's syndrome, that results in premature ageing; growth at adolescence is reduced and sufferers have the disabilities of old age in their twenties. Most of them die before 50

But telomeres are just part of the hunt for immortality. There is a mutant fruit fly - a favourite model for genetics - called Methuseiah. which lives one-third longer than normal, but no one knows why. Even more striking is a worm - another model - which lives four times as long. This longevity is related to insulin and its effect on metabolism. and is thought to be similar to the effect of low-calorie intake being able significantly to increase the life span of rodents. But it is unlikely that there is just one cause of ageing An attractive approach is the network model, which aims to take into account a whole range of processes, for example mutations in genes. and toxic substances produced by the cells themselves, that will in the end lead to the death of the cell.

Current evidence suggests that if you eat less you live longer - I like the idea that food is dangerous. And it is wise to be careful about your lifestyle, particularly how much exercise you take. For while telomeres and genes have a part to play, the evidence is that environmental influences can profoundly influence the outcomes of ageing As a cyclist in London, should I rethink my attachment to my bike? Certainly not.

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The rise and rise of big voice

Broadway? Opera? Cabaret? Soul? Audra McDonald performs each style with awesome assurance. This summer sees her British debut - in cabaret and at the Proms - and she explains how she crosses so many musical borders with ease. By Edward Seckerson

nere appear to be at least three highly talented the name of Audra McDonald. Over the last five years each has scored a notable Broadway success and each in turn has scooped the stage equivalent of the movie Oscar, the coveted Tony Award. 1994: Audra McDonald. sweet-singing ingenue, scene-steals her way through the role of dizzy, homespun Carrie Pipperidge in the Broadway transfer of our own National Theatre production of Carousel. 1996: Audra McDonald, accomplished operatic soprano as feisty would-be diva Sharron in Terrence McNally's Master Class gives Zoe Caldwell's Maria Callas something to think about. 1998: Audra Mc-Donald, soul singer extraordinaire, finds a lifetime of pride and defiance in just two numbers as Sarah "Brown Eyes" in the Broadway adaptation of EL Doctorow's Ragtime. Three very different characters, three very different voices.

In actual fact, of course, they all belong to the one, the only, the very versatile Audra McDonald. She has a solo album - her début - out this month on the everenterprising Nonesuch label, and it's truly remarkable and innovative in several respects. First, there's McDonald herself - a "singing actress" for whom all bets are on, all options open. She likes the idea that she's difficult to pin down, to "place". and that she can go on reinventing herself as long as there are characters to find and their songs to discover.

It is satisfying for her to know that folk who heard her sing the "letter aria" from Verdi's Macbeth night after night in Mc-Nally's Master Class might not at first make the connection with the throaty soulfulness of Sarah's numbers in Ragtime. It's as if McDonald's voice evolves with the Brown, Jenny Giering, Ricky Ian Gordon, character she's creating. The range of styles encompassed in her new album is pretty bewildering, and the risk factor is high. But that's what drives her "When it's musical theatre in America today. Adam music that fills my soul," she says, "there's Guettel (grandson of the great Richard of her vocal personality. Her credo was

just no fear." That's a quaint, even fanciful thing to say, but you know she means it. She looks you straight in the eye when she's saying it. The voice does, too. It tells you exactly what it thinks and feels and

Let's take a look at the voice. Essentially, it's a lyric soprano, effortlessly produced, fresh, warm, "covered" throughout the range. Very easy on the ear. But then she starts mixing in the chest tones, singing sweet and low down, and a smokiness pervades. It's in the attitude as much as the sound. And out of that smokiness, the

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gospel truth emerges, the rigour and rasp of those soulful melismas. And when she really needs to turn on the power, there's the hard belt. And that's when you'd better watch out.

So there you have it: a voice that does what needs to be done when it needs to be done. It doesn't draw attention to what it can do (though, heaven knows, there's not much it can't) but rather why it's doing it. Ask Audra McDonald what she hopes listeners might take away from her début album, and she's back at you without a moment's hesitation: "A desire to know these composers better." And that's the second most remarkable thing about Way Back to Paradise: you won't know a single one of the songs. Or, for that matter, the composers. Yet.

There are five of them: Jason Robert Adam Guettel, Michael John LaChiusa. And they are the new generation of composer-lyricists resetting the stage of the

Rodgers) may be the most familiar, partly on account of his stunning off-Broadway show Floyd Collins (soon to be seen in London). It's really not surprising that Mc-Donald's first album should feature four startlingly original Guettel songs. Well, I say songs, but one - a queasy duet entitled "Come to Jesus", which counterpoints the thoughts of a woman about to have an abortion with those of the devastated lover who has deserted her - is a drama in itself. Guettel has the self-confidence to boldly go beyond where Stephen Sondheim has led us.

In fact, he and Michael John LaChiusa have just been commissioned by the Lyric Opera and Goodman Theatre, Chicago. In a unique joint venture that signals smarter times ahead for the Great White Way, the Lyric Opera will workshop pieces which the Goodman Theatre will then stage. It's a long-overdue attempt to promote symbiosis between opera and music theatre something that Leonard Bernstein, for one, fervently advocated - and it reflects a sea change in attitudes to music theatre training at institutions such as the Juillard School, where Audra McDonald studied.

Therein hangs a sorry tale. Having made her choice between an acting scholarship at the University of Southern California and vocal studies at Juillard, she arrived at Juillard only to find that "vocal studies" did not extend to popular song and Broadway. And that basic performance skills - acting and movement - were not regarded as a valid part of a student's classical, that is, operatic, training. Things have changed now, but then, classical and Broadway just didn't mix. You didn't do both.

Except, of course, that McDonald did. Her voice was operatic, but her sensibilities were all Broadway. She had served her apprenticeship in dinner theatre where musicals were the staple diet; the goddesses in her pantheon ranged from Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand to Maria Callas and Mirella Freni. She had assumed she could develop both aspects



Audra McDonald: 'When it's music that fills my soul, there's just no fear.'

simple: "If I like the song, I'll sing it." So this was not a happy time.

There were those on the faculty who fought to get the Broadway sound out of her voice. She fought back. Her senior recital - equal parts European song. jazz standards and musical theatre - required three accompanists. But still she was made to feel somehow illegitimate.

She took a sabbatical and went on the road with Lucy Simon's The Secret Garden. Then Carousel came up. She fainted, mid-song, at the audition, but got the job and the Tony anyway. She cancelled her next audition - for McNally's Master Class - in a fit of panic half an hour before she was due to sing. But she got that job and that Tony, too. Maybe opera and Broadway were compatible after all.

It's probably fair to say that McDonald was genetically predestined to become a singer. Her mother sang, both her grandmothers sang. In Fresno, California, where she grew up (she was in fact born in Berlin, 28 years ago), five McDonald aunts, better known as the McDonald Sisters, toured (and still do) as a gospel troupe. "I reckon that if I hadn't sung well I would probably have been sent back!" But she did and she wasn't and perhaps the true secret of her success lies with her instinctiveness. By resisting the pressure to forge a purely operatic career, she has, if you like, held on to her vocal independence.

Her voice is easily assimilated into myriad styles, provided she keeps it well exercised. Vocal aerobics, she calls them. While doing Ragtime she needed to exercise the upper part of the voice, the soprano part, the part above the break (show music tends to bring the voice down to where there's more chest tone in the mix). The reverse was true during her stint in Master Class. Her singing coach would "take her down to the basement in search of Ethel Merman and then all the way up to find Mirella Freni". She'd go back to the theatre sounding like Minnie Mouse. Or Mighty Mouse. as the case may be.

to Paradise" - a punchy, impatiently syncopated gospel number, could mark the way to her fourth Tony. Its source is Michael John LaChiusa's Marie Christine, a Creole reworking of the Medea myth that is to be McDonald's next Broadway stage appearance. We, meanwhile, can look forward to her appearance at this year's Proms in a concert performance (conducted by Sir Simon Rattle) of Leonard Bernstein's Wonderful Town. A recording is on the way, too. And later this year she appears in cabaret at the Donmar Warehouse, as part of a second series of "Divas at the Donmar".

Last year she performed at Carnegie Hall singing selections from Porau and Bess in a Gershwin Centenary Concert under Michael Tilson Thomas. No microphones. No costumes. No wigs. No makeup. No character to hide behind. Just Audra McDonald. The natural voice, the unvarnished truth. And it felt good. Scary but good. Which, of course, was precisely why she did it in the first place. "If it scares you", The title song of her album - "Way Back she says, "then you need to do it."

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IT MAY soon end up as a supermarket, a block of trendy offices or a set of loft apartments, but tonight - for the quartet of characters sliding into early middle age in Mick Mahoney's new play - the "up for sale" Sacred Heart Church Hall in NW3 is still the repository of a stack of glowing, if spent youth clubbing there at weekends. The scenario in this drama is so classically familiar. it almost comes clamped within its own ironic quote marks: local boy made - pretty dodgily - good returns to home territory in order to stir latent lusts and rip the scab off some old wounds, while handily allowing the dramatist to call into question the meaning of success and failure, fraudushaky, unexamined basis of

detail and truthfully tangled relationships within that broad French's Jerry swans in. It's



Mahoney's funny and perceptive play to swerve, by and large, from too rutted a course and to involve you in the characters' intricately shared past. The last in a satisfying between the Royal Court and the National Theatre Studio, the piece is played in an unbroken 90 minutes of "real time", with the audience arranged in an L shape round lence and authenticity and the an authentic-looking set. Three friends are decorating the old haunt for a child's party when, all sexily untrustworthy charisma in a Gucci suit. Michael the first time Ewan Stewart's

Patrick, as worn down and faded as Jerry is cosmetically sleek, has seen his former best mate since Jerry, tired of Patrick's dithering, reneged on a projected partnership 20odd years back. For one, property development and wealth; for the other, small-fry building jobs, worthy work with a boys' football club, and a family.

Almost every potential cliche in the play has a twist that redeems it, and Edward Hall's production elicits beautifully shaded performances. particularly from Mr French as he skilfully signals, from underneath the wide-boy swagger, a rather lost soul who has

seen through success and will spend the rest of his life pining for an irrecoverable youth. Flickering between ironic amusement, social embarrassment and sudden accesses of keen pain, Doon Mackichan also gives a splendidly natural performance as Patrick's wife Kate who, inevitably, harbours

unresolved longings for Jerry. The piece starts off feeling too much like the artificial product of Jerry's monumentally coincidental arrival and, belatedly erasing that initial impression, ends up overplotted. But it's the mark of its comic suppleness that when Jerry makes an offer that exposes Patrick's inadequacy all over again, the mood is humorously rueful rather than tragic. Patrick the builder, wriggles out of the project by admitting he can't stand the noise and mess of big building sites. Quirky touches like that ensure that Sacred Heart is no standard trudge down the obstacie course of memory lane.

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Wilco's new album Summerteeth is set to push them into the big time. Why are they so damned cynical, then? Perhaps it's because they've been here before. By Ben Thompson

ilco mainstays Jeff Tweedy (twinkly, weatherbeaten) and Jay Bennett (burly, dreadlocked) are savouring a momentary pause between engagements. A beleaguered two-man colony of battered denim amid the lurid primary colours of a London radio station foyer; they take the opportunity to bolt a grim meal of toxic fast-food. Someone notes sympathetically that there's only a certain amount of that stuff you can eat. Tweedy responds sardonically: "I guess I would be living proof that that is not the case".

The charismatically rumpled singer speaks in a phiegmy mid-western drawl. Pitched somewhere between a croak and a whisper, it's the kind of voice you have to smoke really hard to keep. Listen to him sing on the current Wilco album Summerteeth and that act of sacrifice will seem wholly justified. This is a record whose remarkable poignancy and richness recalls Phil Spector's comment about "little symphonies for the kids", but with guitars and pianos instead of a 48-piece orchestra.

The dictionary definition of Wilco's name might be "c20: abbrev for I will comply", but the music of this Chicago-based quartet somehow combines resignation with defiance and melancholy with joy. Summerteeth wraps its nuggets of downbeat personal revelation in some of the most uplifting music imaginable. And Wilco's new single "Can't Stand It" is poised to take its magnificently depressing chorus – "You know it's all beginning to feel like its ending/ No love's as random as God's love/ I can't stand it" - into the unfamiliar terrain of the Top 40. It's not exactly "Agadoo doo doo eat pineapple shake the tree," but it'll do for the moment.

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Washing down his foul meal with heal- SUMMERTEETH, THE third, and draughts of herbal tea, Jay Bennett considers the limitations of the pop radio promotional interview. "You'd think it would be liberating" he sighs, "working with just a microphone and a voice: you by pretty pop melodies is don't perceive your audience, there's being justifiably lauded. Their nothing to be intimidated by, the oppor- melodic gift is now matched tunity to have fun in that context is im- by singer Jeff Tweedy's new mense". He shakes his head mournfully, "but the DJ's don't take advantage of it". disaffection. But to those who "They only want to know how we get on saw them the last time they with Billy Bragg", says Tweedy sadly, "T

mean, like, who cares?" Anyone who thought Wilco were going to be swept off their feet by the flood tide of adulation currently inundating Summerteeth would be well advised to think notorious face-off with a again. They may have been told their new record is "this year's Deserter's Songs" (ie, the record that somehow magically translates critical kudos into actual status without losing its mystery) so many times they now prefer to refer to Mercury Rev's 1998 landmark as "last year's Summer Teeth", but they aren't counting their chickens until they're in the oven.

" This is the one," Tweedy says wearily, "We've been told that so many times. After a while you don't listen anymore, well you do but only because it's enteraining... When we put our first record record". "He should get someone to sing out, we were told we were going to be the next Hootie and the Blowfish".

Wilco's slightly underwhelming 1994 debut AM had its faults, but surely it wasn't that bad? "Til take an 11 million record insult", Bennett snorts derisively, "if that's your way of insulting me, sure, go ahead - insult me all day."

Wilco's band banter has a bracingly stringent quality. Perhaps it's the isola-



instalment in Wilco's quest to distil the early 1970s moment when American rock's explosive prime was replaced facility for lyrics of played this venue. Wilco will forever be defined by a spontaneous moment of rock'n'roll warfare, the exact inverse of Iggy Pop's crowd of riled Hell's Angels; the night Tweedy became so

tion of their position - marooned between

the blockbusting mediocrity of Hootie, the

Dave Matthews band and their ilk and the

arthouse credibility of Smog and Bonnie

"If that guy likes Marian Carey as much as he claims," Tweedy says of the latter,

"he should put his money where his

mouth is and get her to sing on his next

on his next record", Bennett concurs cat-

tily: "last time I saw him play live he put

It must be rather intimidating to bare

your soul to such a demanding audience.

Does Tweedy ever feel vulnerable in front

of his bandmates, when he first sings them

songs like "How to Fight Loneliness" or

Bennett's feelings are hurt. "I don't

"When You Wake Up Feeling Old"?

"Prince" Billy.

1500 people to sleep".

incensed with the reserve of a Sunday night London audience that he leapt into their midst and physically shook them into moving. This is their return to the scene of that crime.

As before, it's the sharpfeatured Tweedy who provides stage presence. The reticent nature of his bandmates reminds you why that previous Empire crowd, like this one, only shuffled its feet. The band have improved, become more varied. Guitars squeal and harmonies spiral in the whirl of "Hotel Arizona", a Woody Guthrie song is turned into wired,

need to hear Jeff's lyrics to know him as

from it, too," Tweedy maintains, "having

a conversation with your friends and shar-

ing a part of yourself, and it's not a one-

way dialogue. Because you get stuff back

ly gripping Being There was a ramshackle

bar-band enlogy, Summerteeth spirals and quavers like a great lost girl-group

album. Wilco do not like to think about how

"It's not like we started our new record

and it sounded just like Being There, so

we went to the pub and decided to make

"It's not a good story," Bennett insists.

they got from one place to another

But that's not a good story.

He certainly does. Where 1997's equal-

"There's a certain power that comes

well as I know him," he insists.

from them musically".

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crunching country. But still, the tension we hang on is:

what will Tweedy do? He offers no clue. When we clap along to "Red-Eyed and Blue", he laughs. But. clanging his guitar angrily at the next song's end, he seems to mime going through the motions. Finally, he speaks. "Was anybody here last time?" Scattered cheers. "I'm on

medication now." The rest of the show becomes an apologia for

imagined sins. He says thanks so many times it's almost parodic, claims he's hardly dared speak into a microphone since. mock-threatens "I'm starting to get mad again" at a good-humoured heckler. Rock'n'roll as warfare has deteriorated into rock'n'roll as act of contrition. Needless as it is, it seems to ease the mood of everyone present, all the better to respond to the suckerpunch which sums up Summerteeth's new strengths: "She's a Jar". A steel guitar strokes upward as Tweedy sings this apparent love song with the lightest touch of hate. and the tension of its

"No it's not." Tweedy agrees, "That's

We're more like Inuit ivory carvers".

the singer continues, somewhat mysti-

fyingly. "We hold the magnetic tape in our

hands and think what's on it and then we

This analogy turns out to be less face-

tious than it initially seems. "Inuit stone

carvers believe there are things captured

inside a rock." Tweedy explains. "so they

start carving without any idea of what

they're aiming at, and then they find a bird

in there. I think that's a really accurate

We took a rock and chiselled away

way to describe the creative process."

thuses. "A giant molar!"

The Commitments.

let it come out".

ratchets up with every soaring harmony, till, perfectly, he almost trips over it, lets it tumble awkwardly out: "She begs me not to hit her." It's the hint of darkness that has lifted their perfectly constructed pop songs into life. They're only a little nearer the equally mysterious chemistry needed to make those songs blossom on stage. Perhaps, in the end, they're too modest to match the parade of ghostly helicaisers they adore. At least Tweedy no longer needs to shake us by the throat as they try.

infamous, inevitable last line

Gram Parsons - what the hell is this? Which in a way is kind of gratifying. Because if people read about us being a country-rock band and then they go out and buy Summerteeth. I can't imagine them not being confused."

'People are confused," Bennett concludes mournfully. "Just not in the way that we want them to be."

And what way would that be exactly? "It would be nice for people to be confused to the extent that they just accepted everything for what it was. [Jay assumes the voice of everyman) 'I'm so confused by all this music. I'm just going to listen to it and decide what I like.

until we found the big tooth." Bennett en-Can't Stand It' (Reprise, single) is out We've actually got e-mail from people on Monday. Wilco appear on 'Later' on saying You guys are supposed to be like

LYRIC SHEETS MARTIN NEWELL

His Holiness the Pope is heading for a chart smash with a new CD released this week. Entitled Abba Pater' (Aramaic and Latin for 'Father') the album is described as having a bewildering array of rock, African beats and 'ecclesiastical rap'.

The Pope's Album



...Yeah like, before we made this one We prayed a lot. of course we did And while the bloke retuned the grand I broke bread with the backing band

And since the theme's traditional, The A&R man quietly said, 'Forget about the studio tricks He wants those harps up in the mix'.

At first the guys were skeptical It stank of Deus ex machina. The bass-player threw a little fit And wanted to redo his bit.

We had to move the choir around The chancel had a 'live room' sound. But tapestries around the wall Had made it more like 'village hall'.

I sent the Papal Legate out With DAT machine to sample stuff And screens held up by altar boys To try and damp the background noise

The good thing with this album is We've learnt at last that 'less-is-more' Too many churchmen these days think You've got to have the kitchen sink

But could they take it on the road With what... a choir? A five-piece band? When I was starting, in my teens We just made do with tambourines.

And if, as often happened then The Guv said, 'I can't hear a single'. He made the congregation sing You couldn't just remix the thing

And look, I know it's boring but The stadium ballad has to stay It keeps the punters hanging there Like ad captandum vulgas* yeah?"

*to appeal to the crowd

Goodbye gangsta, bonjour Derrida

a Sixties soul record".

DJ Spooky knows his post-structuralists. As any hip-hop producer should. By Fiona Sturges

THE TERM "intelligent" drum'n'bass has always been a nebulous one. It was first dreamt up in order to separate the teeth-ratting chaos of early jungle from the more textured breakbeats of Goldie or LTJ Bukem. Ironically enough, it was this so-called "intelligent" mode that became ubiquitous in shampoo ads on television.

With Fathoy Shm's derivative beats becoming a univerto intellectualise the remix. though this time round it is lectical backed by a concept. The move is headed by Paul D Miller, better known as DJ Spooky, That Subliminal Kid.

"Records are part of a new syntax and dialect," insists the New York-based DJ. "You can pick any style of music you want and sample it, put it in a blender and reconstruct it.

There are no rules any more." On his new album Riddim "elevation in the mind", while of a fax machine. Some of the and video artist Moriko Mori.

the sounds endeavour to follow what he calls "a hidden musical continuum" that exists in all music, from classical, funk and blues to hip-hop and jungle. While the title may smack of

posturing, Miller insists that the album has a theoretical as well as an experimental basis. It contains unusually enlightened lyrics that allude to Derrida and Barthes, as opposed to the gangsta-addled prose of sal sound-track for beery his hip-hop contemporaries. nights out, there is now a bid. Track titles such as "Post-Human Sophistry" and "Dia-Transformation" self-consciously underline Miller's academic standpoint, but its musical styles reveal an

almost fanatic eclecticism. Though the diffuse nature of Riddim Warfare makes it illsuited to the dance floor, it offers a stylish collision of old skool hip-hop, dub and drum'n'bass, complete with eerily distorted samples of anything from Dvorak's New Warfare, Miller talks about the World Symphony to the whine sonic scientist Arto Lindsay



Paul Miller aka DJ Spooky: There are no rules any more Miller wants to bridge the

more peculiar sounds on the album are a result of Miller acting like a human receiver with his portable mini-disc recorder.

gap between academia and pop culture by whatever means possible. He wrote the The wide-ranging nature of score for the hip-hop movie Miller's influences is also re-Slam, which won the Grand flected in the selection of con-Prize at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival. He is also a contributors to Riddim Warfare. They include Sonic Youth's tributing editor to the monthly guitarist Thurston Moore, Wu art magazine Artbyte and is a Tang Clan's Killah Priest, the regular participant in exhibitions of electronic media.

work can also be traced to his background. Growing up in Washington DC. he was exposed to all sorts of different music: "I grew up watching Go-Go bands such as Junkyard Band and Trouble Funk, but there was also a big hardcore scene with Bad Brains and Minor Threat."

In the late Eighties he relocated to Maine to study for two degrees - one in French literature, the other in philosophy - and he became interested in the relationship between literature and music.

"It seemed that themes in textual deconstruction reflected what was happening in electronic music. I got into arguments with professors about urban narratives - why we got to pull apart the work of great literary figures, but when it was Chuck D, that was urban so we couldn't discuss it."

By 1988, Miller had launched The hotch-potch of media, college, called Dr Seuss's April on Outpost Recordings

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styles and voices in Miller's Eclectic Jungle. "It was a mad collage of sounds. If Public Enemy sampled James Brown, I would find the original Brown record, mix it with the Public Enemy version and then set it against 'The Three Little Pigs'." His eccentricity proved hugely popular and provided the blueprint for his latest mix'n match recordings.

But despite the experimental nature of Miller's music, there is still a conspicuous absence of new sounds.

"It's difficult for me to imagine a sound I haven't heard. We have reached total saturation point." he explains. "But there are more interesting ways of putting together sounds." He pauses, to listen to a

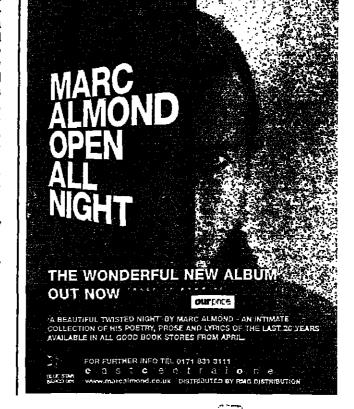
hotel coffee machine. "But if you say you can't imagine a sound you haven't heard, then you are locked in that loop already. If I can record, sample and mix anything, I will."

his own radio programme at 'Riddim Warfare' is out on 12

ROBERT HANKS ON TV

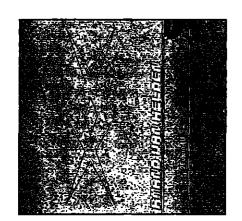


'NYPD Blue', always at the soapy end of the cop snow special has now been reduced to pure sud



THIS WEEK'S ALBUM RELEASES

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ARMAND VAN HELDEN 2Future4U

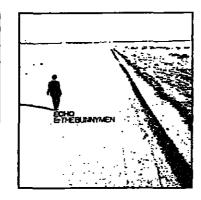
"ARE YOU afraid of the boogie monster?" enquires a croaky-voiced inquisitor on a 2Future4U track called, with admirable directness, "The Boogie Monster". The answer, of course, is no: this particular boogie monster is just about the most popular guy around at the moment - just how popular is illustrated by "Business as Usual", an answering-machine collage of artists, celebs, and celebs' representatives "hello... I'm calling on behalf of Mick Jagger...") desperate to get Armand Van Helden to do a remix. At a cool \$60,000 (£38,000) a pop, which you'll agree isn't that bad a daily rate - not in the Bill Gates

to wear cooler specs while he works. One of the answering-machine messages appears to be from his landlord. wearily conveying a neighbour's complaint about the ultra-loud music emanating from Armand's apartment at 4.30am. "Sidney from downstairs said it was more... ever hear funkier sawing than that wieldorgasmic than music, to his ear," says the ed by Armand on "Necessary Evil"; and landlord, puzzled. "Is there a reasonable explanation?" Van Helden's explanation eventually appears towards the album's Flow's Mr Len on "Rock The Spot", the

"Entra Mi Casa", on which the vocalist Mita's come-on is explicit enough to ensure the most minimal of airplay.

It's also, as it happens, just about the most involved bout of lyricism on the album, apart perhaps from Tekitha Wu-Tang's hackneyed eco-concerns on "Mother Earth". Usually, Van Helden's vocal collaborators (who include his mom, on a "Summertime" that owes next to nothing to Gershwin) are required to do little more than furnish him with a phrase, or even just a word - "higher!" - and off Armand goes, twisting and braiding it into the flow of a track along with those trademark thumping beats. league, maybe, but at least Armand gets

It sounds simple enough, but Van Helden also possesses the instinctive ability to know which elements of a host track can be bolted on to his beats. His facility with these sound fragments is awesome: it's unlikely, for instance, that you'll when his talents are matched with the virtuoso turntable scratching of Company end, with the porno-salsa-disco groove results are dizzying. Monstrous, even.



ECHO & THE BUNNYMEN What Are You Going to Do with Your Life?

WITHOUT THE bolstering Britpop effect that helped give some context to their 1997 comeback album Evergreen, Echo & The Bunnymen just sound rather pallid and ineffectual here.

Compared with the visceral psychedelic thrill of earlier cuts like "Villiers Terrace", What Are You Going to Do with Your Life? has, as its title suggests, all the appeal of a discussion with a career adviser.

Like an itch that they can't resist scratching, song after song gnaws away at weary conclusions and hopeful new beginnings, and while Ian McCulloch can still be incisive lyrically - as on the title-track's "If I could see what you can see/ The sun still shining out of me/ I'd be the boy I used to be" - the settings seem more ponderous and forgettable than before, even with the Fun Lovin' Criminals sitting in on a couple

It doesn't really help matters that as they get more mature, the band appear to be indulging their interest in Burt Bacharach and Jimmy Webb rather more openly, despite lacking either songwriter's way with a winning melody. Good practice for the beckoning cabaret circuit, though.



MARC ALMOND Open All Night

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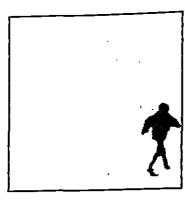
AS FAR as reputations go. you'd think Marc Almond would have more justification than most in growing old disgracefully. He certainly has no business making an album as alluring as Open All Night at his age, surely? But it's true: while his New Romantic contemporaries busy themselves with a soul-destroying nostalgia package tour, Almond has come up with probably the best work of his solo career.

Certainly, his current collaboration with Neal X, Glen Scott and John Green is shaping up as fruitfully as any other in his past, and in the case of "Sleepwalker" and the single "Tragedy". at least, has furnished another couple of classics to add to his distinctive

portfolio of torch songs.

As ever, Almond's focus throughout is the boudoir, to which he brings an element of louche, stalker-ish obsession on tracks like "Bedroom Shrine" and "Black Kiss".

Elsewhere, "Night & Dark" finds Marc still strolling the streets of Paris - in spirit, at least - with a swaying derive of violin and accordion accompanying him as he turns up his collar and sets his face to the lonely wind.



ORBITAL The Middle of Nowhere

THE HARTNOLL brothers' fifth album follows a familiar course, with carefully-layered synth parts sequenced into choppy. syncopated grooves with titles like "Way Out", "Spare Parts Express" and "Know Where To Run". Though entertaining at half the length, their ideas are habitually overplayed, however; most of the eight tracks last nearer 10 minutes than five. each piece gradually filling up with so many counter-melodic riffs that it eventually becomes a fairly undifferentiated midi soup.

Despite their best intentions, too, the duo's favoured electronic sounds convey only a limited range of connotations, approximating those of a Fifties sci-fi future - perfect for abandoned spaceships such as Event Horizon, but not really built for human bodies. The rhythms interlock efficiently enough, but often unnecessarily so - there's no real grasp of the subtle alterations of time and emphasis that might give their beats a more persuasive, funky shape: ironically, for a group with such a sci-fi sensibility, there's little sense of space in Orbital's music.

The result, more often than not, is more like a laborious patter than an invitation to the dance.



PAUL WESTERBERG Suicaine Gratification

ON HIS two previous solo albums, and before that through his time with The Replacements, Paul Westerberg built an imposing reputation as a songwriter unusually sensitive to the sombre side of situations, but still favouring a bout of raunch-rock as the most reliable palliative. On Suicaine Gratification, that balance is all but lost, as Westerberg broods more darkly than before on his own situation, while neglecting to offer much by way of cheery musical compensation.

Even a love lament such as "Best Thing That Never Happened" can be read as another of his self-deprecating career commentaries, while other tracks deal in grimly poetic fashion with such downbeat subjects as suicide and the effect of separation on a child. The prevailing mood taints the whole album: after such a litany of tribulations, the relatively chipper "Whatever Makes You Happy" just seems like a hollow offer

Suicaine Gratification is, I suppose, an impressive feat of sustained melancholy, but not one that demands to be heard too often. As Westerberg advises in "It's A Wonderful Lie", a typically wistful midlife reflection, "Don't pin your hopes on misanthropes like me".

A very big noise in the country

Dolly Parton's back with a new album. How does she stay hungry for success? Melvyn Bragg spoke to the C&W legend

Melvyn Bragg: Let's start with this new album which I enjoyed a great deal, Hungry Again - did that describe you or the album?

Dolly Parton: Well it described me. I feel a great need to be part of what is happening in the "new country" and I was hungry again to be in the mainstream. I was born and raised up in the Great Smoky Mountain of east Tennessee and I bought my old family home after many years and restored it like a retreat. When I wrote Hungry Again I went there and fasted for three weeks. I spent most of the summer there and I wrote 37 songs and condensed them down to 12 songs on this CD.

MB: Why do you think fasting helps you to write? DP: I just really needed to get in

touch with myself, to humble myself. I needed some self-discipline. MB: Why was it important for you

DP: Well, it's part of my religion first of all. This is not the first time I have fasted. I have fasted many times. I didn't tell anyone I was doing this until after the summer was over and then all these wonderful songs and so many spiritual and creative, wonderful and inspired things had come from this. When you are my age and when you have been as successful

as I have been, sometimes to know just how far you've travelled you've got to go back to where you begun. Sometimes to know how good you've been eating, you need to be hungry again, so I just wanted to feel it like it was back in the old days.

MB: And it's to do with your religion? DP: Well I wouldn't call myself religious. I grew up in a very religious family, my grandfather was a preacher. I have an aunt that is a minister but we were brought up Pentecostal, holy roller, Church of God - you know, hellfire, brimstone - but fasting was always very much a part of our religion.

MB: Some of your early songs, I mean "Jolene" or "You Ain't Worth the Salt in My Tears", you're talking about betrayal. Was that going on all around you?

DP: Oh I've seen that. I've felt that. I have certainly loved passionately and wildly in my life. Even when I haven't got to experience it all physically. I'm like President Carter I have sinned in my mind. I have fantasised. I have seen it. I have always been very romantic and I get hurt real bad and I've had my heart broken so many times, especially as a young girl before I met my wonderful husband of 32 years. And even he can't keep me from looking.

I'm not blind, I'm just married. MB: Some of the songs you say are autobiographical, like "Coat of Many Colours". A mother makes a coat out of rags for her daughter and tells her the story of Joseph and the coat of many colours, which gives the coat great significance and then she goes to school and all the kids laugh at her. Was it as bad as that for you? DP: Yes it was. We were very poor. I'm from a family of 12 children, there's eight younger than me and I have two brothers and a sister older. We had absolutely nothing. My father worked the fields, what we ate was what we grew, our money crop was tobacco at that time and Daddy made like \$2,000 a year on the tobacco, that had to pay formedical bills, any other kind of bills, that was the only money that we had so you can well imagine how hard that was. So my mother was very religious, and she used to read from the Bible and that's how she kept us under control. She could always make a comparison about some wonderful story from the Bible. The little ragged coat she made for me. she knew it was rags, she knew they'd make fun of me, but she made me proud of it, but when I got mountain people, that's where I DP. There wasn't much going on but



Dolly Parton: 'I have sinned in my mind. I have fantasised, I have seen it'

went home saving they didn't like my coat, they made fun of me. She said, look we are not poor, we don't have money but we've got love and we've got something to eat. As long we've got each other, as long as we've got love, you know, it's like you don't have to have money to be rich. MB: But do you find now, Dolly, talkbackground, it's very difficult to get them to understand what that was like? It seems a deep past that people just don't relate to anymore. DP: Well it was an older time, and to school and they finally broke my was born and raised. Children don't country music when I was young. We

that's how we lived, that's who we were, we had to scratch a living out. I wouldn't want to go back, I have a song that's called "In the Good Old Days When Times Were Bad" my favourite line is: "No amount of money could buy from me the memories that I have of then, but no amount of money could pay me to ing to people about that sort of go back and live through that again." MB: What sort of music were you exposed to as a child, because you grew up when America and the world was electrified by rock'n'roll and yet you went for country.

rock'n'roll because that was against Irish, Welsh, all those songs that our religion too. My grandpa being that holy roller preacher that I was talking about, that was the devil. MB: Elvis Presley was..

DP: Oh I mean that was Satan. MB: Really?

DP: Absolutely. And so was I when I started wearing the make-up and bleaching my hair. My grandpa thought I was going straight to hell. "Jezebel," he called me. "The Devil made you wear that hair." I said: "No. grandpa. I went and bought this bleach for myself, and the devil had nothing to do with it." But at that time I was singing mountain music, heart I was angry at Mama. I just know that life so much anymore but weren't allowed to listen to the folk music, Appalachian English,

were brought over from the old country. That's what I grew up on and then the church music. But when I did get a chance to listen to Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley I thought it was the greatest thing I'd ever heard because my hormones were changing as well. Not even my grandpa could stop that. I loved it but the country music was so embedded in me. That has been always for me the most deep-seated of all the music I know.

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Lesson one: the love song

THE UNMASKING of Nick Cave has been a long and gradual process. He first landed on these shores almost two decades ago as the bloodied and deranged front man with The Birthday Party. Transformed thereafter into a solo artist drawn to biblical lust and vengeance, a cabaret act from the dark side and even a novelist of considerable repute, he has consistently subverted expectations about where a cult rock star should go and what he should do next.

. The process continued with this performance. Centring on an extended version of a lecture entitled "The Secret Life Of The Love Song", which he first delivered in Vienna last year, Cave now commands a presence that allows him to address an audience from a lectern, a screen behind him highlighting pertinent lyrics.

He cuts an impressively rak-

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ish figure, a long bony index finger striking the air for empha-sis and grave booming voice extolling an art form he says has all but died in contemporary rock music. Mapping out the spiritual

concerns and deep longing central to his craft, Cave quotes from WH Auden, Lorca and pop sensations Boney M and Kylie Minogue. The latter magically appears in person to recite the words of her pop hit "Better The Devil You Know". A song. he notes with some relish, where Kylie became "love's sacrificial lamb with a groovy techno beat".

It took not only a degree of erudition and eloquence but a measure of theatricality, skil-

fully employed to overcome understandable nerves at various points, to pull off the lecture conceit. With an inevitable acknowledgement for his late teacher father and a curt dismissal for a lone heckler, Cave managed admirably.

But, of course, his analyses of the love song - funny, effusive and penetrating as it often was - could only go so far in making his case. It was with a judicious selection of his own songs performed during the lecture and in a mini set immediately after it had concluded, that Cave really claimed his territory.

Taking his place at the piano, pounding out harsh Jerry Lee Lewis style chords, he first plunged into the tangled mire of "West Country Girl" while the song's rumoured inspiration, PJ Harvey, looked on approvingly from the stalls. Thereafter the less-is-more ethic practised on his most recent album, The



Cave: cabaret act from the dark side

Boatman's Call, took hold with the lucid, feral accompaniment of The Dirty Three. On "Sad Waters", Warren

Ellis's unhinged lonesome violin went deep into the song's glade of mournful memory. Stripped of its demonic drive. the classic death-row contemplation "Mercy Seat" unearthed new depths and character nu-

ance. There was also a beautifully simple, unburnished and, as yet, unrecorded song "Love Letter", which immediately found a place among the songs in which Cave takes a special pride, what he refers to as "my crooked brood of sad-eyed children". Long may he tend to their needs.

GAVIN MARTIN



Any which way you can Legend of the

Kyle Eastwood got a good start in jazz - his dad's an aficionado of no small fame. But that's where the family ties end. Eastwood Jr really can play bass. By Phil Johnson

aving a famous father might ensure celebrity by proxy, but for a serious jazz musician it's not advantage. When the bassist Kyle Eastwood - son of Clint - first played London eight years ago with a semi-pro Californian jazz-fusion group, there were very few people in the small club, but all of them had come especially to see the chip off Clint's granite block.

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The very young Kyle was just the bloke at the back with a Fender bass and a look of extreme concentration. but nothing - not least the group's rather muso-ish noodlings - could prevent a Hello!-style air of vicarious celeb-snooping. A Daily Mail photographer spent the entire performance snapping Kyle without even pretending to take the picture of anyone else in the band, and I wrote the accompanying story. It was shamelessly tacky flagrantly ignoring Kyle's impressive slapbass technique in favour of comparing his cheekbones to those of the young Clint in Rawhide.

Next week, Kyle Eastwood, now aged 30, is back in London again, playing the Pizza Express in Soho, but a number of things have changed in the interion. He's now the leader of his own band; he's swapped the electric bass for a proper bass-fiddle, changing from fusion to real jazz in the process; and he has a new record contract with Sony. His début album is a classy, expensive-sounding job which mixes rather old-fashioned, Gil Evansstyle, big band arrangements (by Vince Mendoza) with R&B grooves, and it features guest appearances by Joni Mitchell and Julia Fordham.

In the years between his London engagements, Kyle has also got married to the Spanish actress, Laura Gomez, had a daughter, Graylen, now aged four, and moved from LA to New York. He remains endearingly shy, and very sensitive to the fact that questions about his own work have a habit of trying to pull kis father into the story too.

Kyle's father is, of course, famous not only for his films but also for his love of jazz, which was celebrated three years ago by a star-studded Carnegie Hall concert (in which Kyle played), that became the album, Eastwood After Hours. As well as playing a little jazz piano himself, Clint Eastwood has directed the Charlie Parker biopic, Bird, employed the late Art Pepper and other notable jazz musicians for



Kyle: When I was very young, my father introduced me to Miles Davis. He was very intimidating

soundtracks to his movies, and acted as a formidable campaigner for jazz education.

with his mother after his parent's divorce - to jazz, by taking him to the annual Monterey jazz festival. "Mon-Brubeck, Errol Garner, Billy Eckstine and Ahmad Jamal there," Kyle says. "It helped give me my first taste when I was growing up, and we always listened to jazz in the house. When I was very young, I remember my father introducing me to Miles Davis at the festival, and him being very intimidating.

He started playing the bass in high school. "It came easy, playing reggae and Motown, and also I had Unsurprisingly, it was his father who first exposed Kyle - who lived weren't that many bass players around." While Kyle was performing as a bass guitarist, he was also learning the double bass, and his faterey was maybe 15 minutes from ther arranged for him to study in my home and my earliest memories Paris with Bunny Brunei. "Even of jazz are of seeing artists like Dave when I played in London the first time I was also playing double bass. but it wasn't really the type of music for it," he says, "It's definitely a different instrument, with a more personal sound."

> The album includes a very effective version of the Tom Waits song "I Beg Your Pardon", in which Kyle's double bass plays the melody

line; adding a marvellously lugubrious flavour to what is already a very melancholy tune. Typically, he's rather embarrassed about taking the spotlight himself. "I like to feature myself, but not with a solo in every tune," he says. Joni Mitchell's guest appearance as the vocalist on a version of Marvin Gave's "Trouble Man came about, he insists, more by luck than through judgement. "I didn't really set out to get her. Larry Klein - who's her ex - was the of interest, and I played on a few of producer, and he suggested it to her. She's a big Marvin Gaye fan, and it wasn't an opportunity to pass up. We kept the version very R&B, which happens to be my second favourite music next to jazz."

Although he's now living in New

York, a much more competitive environment for jazz than LA, Eastwood says he hasn't met any real resentment because of who he, or his father, is. "Not really, no. Most of the musicians have been cool. Once they hear me play, it dispels any doubts they might have. I was tired of LA, and I didn't want my daughter to grow up there."

He also denies any ambition to make films. "A film score would be my dad's movies when I was in the Musician's Union in LA. But I don't ever want to quit playing bass."

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JAZZ ALBUMS ROUND-UP By PHIL JOHNSON

A COMMON-SENSE dictum of jazz discourse decrees that tenor saxophone players fall into one of two schools. Either they are hard-edged followers of Coleman Hawkins, or softie lyricists in the tradition of Lester Young. According to this immutable law, Sonny Rollins, say, would be placed in the Hawkins camp, while Stan Getz would be grouped with Young. Charles Lloyd, whose new album for ECM, Voice In The Night, is likely to remain one of the best jazz albums of the year is, on the face of it, a Lester man through and through.

Though Lloyd is easily accomplished enough to follow whatever path he wishes, he tends to favour tone over speed, and expression over technique, to the extent that his solos seem to flutter by in a dreamy haze of understated yet never the less passionate emotion.

Now aged 58, Lloyd was once the most famous jazz musician of his generation, when in the hippy-era of the Sixties he led a quartet featuring the young Keith Jarrett on piano. After prematurely retiring to cultivate his Californian garden (where he was sought out by the young Michel Petrucciani), Lloyd re-emerged at the beginning of the Nineties with a series of albums for ECM.

This latest installment is likely to make him a star once again. Accompanied by a supergroup of Dave Holland on bass, John Abercrombie on guitar, and the uniquely subtle Billy Higgins on drums. Voice In The Night is almost entirely successful. On a range of tunes that mixes six Lloyd originals with Billy Strayhorn's "A Flower is a Lovesome Thing", and the perhaps surprising choice of **Burt Bacharach and Elvis** Costello's "God Give Me Strength", the band strokes through the chord changes with an insouciant, laid-back charm while Lloyd himself plays solo after solo in a vein of swooning lyricism, as if he is sighing into the microphone.

The recording's perfectly judged acoustic, whose delicate bloom of a reverb adds just the right degree of airiness to the sound, creates an intimate,

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chamber-jazz aesthetic that suits Lloyd's style right down to the ground. The result is a quietly thrilling album that

releases its pleasures slowly. Another new ECM release, Not Two, Not One, by the trio of pianist Paul Bley, bassist Gary Peacock and drummer Paul Motian, is less immediately attractive than the Lloyd, but it repays careful listening.

Each of the band members is a master not only of their instrument but of the interplay between "time" and 'free' playing that has characterised late-modernist jazz over the last three decades. When they combine in up-tempo, freewheeling improvisations, and Bley's spiky, chromatic solos start to buzz up and down the keyboard, it's heady stuff. Peacock's double bass has a kind of hard-won grandeur to it, and Motian continues to play, as Charlie Haden once said of him, as if the drums were a

The kind of cross-cultural chamber-jazz pioneered by ECM is evident on the latest release on the Enja label by the Lebanese oud player Rabih Abou-Khalil. Yara is a rerecording of music written by Khalil for a film of the same name directed by Yilmaz Arslan, and it features a quartet including the dazzling French violinist Dominique Pifarely. It's rich, subtle music with strong echoes of flamenco, but perhaps less jazz-friendly than last vear's Thimar by the Tunisian Anouar Brahem.

musical instrument.

In contrast, the prosaically titled Indian Sitar and World Jazz (WEA), by the French group Mukti, while less highbrow or culturally "pure". is both more jazzy and more fun. Compromising an "acoustic" album and a further CD of remixes, the sounds of sitar and tamboura are complemented by jazz trumpet, bass clarinet and rhythm section to produce a kitsch hybrid of East and West. Brigette Menon's sitar playing may not be in the Ravi Shankar class, but even if it were, would we notice? Here, the bricolage rather than the individual

components, is the thing.

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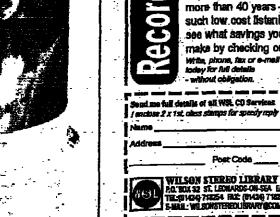
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A little rain on the Parade

It may claim to be a celebration of the best of British music since the War, but will Nicholas Kenyon and George Benjamin's 'Endless Parade' series of concerts really do our composers justice? By Bayan Northcott

o doubt planning concerts and festivals is a mixed pleasure at best, in which the satisfaction of setting up contrasts and connections. devising ideal programmes, bringing forth fresh talent, and so on, is ever-threatened by practical problems over performance, venues and funding - not to say by anxiety as to how press and public may ultimately respond.

Which are just some of the reasons why Nicholas Kenyon, BBC Controller of Millennial Projects, and George Benjamin, Artistic Consultant to the Sounding the Century project on Radio 3, are unlikely to get much fun out of what follows.

But some critical questions need to be asked about the culminating series of the 20th-century retrospective they have been presiding over these last three years, and which opened at the Royal Festival Hall two nights ago as Endless Parade: Classics of British Music since 1945 - or, as they put it in the April edition of BBC Music Magazine, "a month-long celebration, around the country and on Radio 3, of the best of British music since the war".

Of course, this could be disregarded as the kind of marketing flim-flam that producers evidently have to put up to BBC management these days to get their programmes out at all. But Kenyon and Benjamin are not cynical types: they manifestly care about all of the music that they have selected for the 15 live and broadcast events scheduled between this week and 3 May.

So that one has to ask how a series can claim to represent the "best" of British music since 1945, when it is exclusively concerned with concert music and opera disregarding not only chamber and instrumental works, film scores and light music, but also jazz and the kind of esoteric pop featured in Mixing It, which are also residual concerns of Radio 3?

How can it claim to comprise "classics" when a commendable proportion of the choices are of recent stuff by the up-andcoming young? (Classics in 30 years' time, perhaps.) And how can it claim to be comprehensively "British" when the programmes include only a handful of

easy for a critic to carp from the sidelines, but 15 events, amounting to some 35 hours in all, is not that much in which to incorporation of a Nash Ensemble Tippett encompass the multifarious developments concerts in the series, on the South Bank, include the odd lollipop - Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, say, or Malcolm Arnold's Four Scottish Dances if they are to attract larger audiences, and complaining that less hackneyed could be fairer than that? works by these composers should have been preferred is beside the point.

In the event, there are four Britten choices, including the Four Sea Interludes since the impact of Peter Grimes was the starting-point for the whole concept - and a complete concert performance of Death survived in the repertoire, thus implicitly



Scottish composers and virtually nothing Ralph Vaughan Williams is well served by 'Endless Parade', but what about other composers?

opera, King Priam, and no fewer than seven other items, thanks to the Endless Parade lending its title to the fresh vision of the entire era. whole series. But the remaining figures are strictly confined to one work each. And what, Kenyon and Benjamin might ask,

Well, it depends. Broadly speaking, there are three different principles upon which such a retrospective could be structured.

The first is simply to collect together those pieces that have most successfully

period. The second is more historical: to focus, say, decade by decade, upon what seemed the most typical and significant at concert (in fact recorded last month). Of the time. And the third would be to take of some 54 years. Moreover, the public the other big names, Vaughan Williams has a critical look at both current and historthree works and Walton and Birtwistle two ical views, reviving unjustly neglected or in Manchester and in Belfast, need to apiece - the latter's Trumpet Concerto, misunderstood pieces and aspiring to a

> On the whole, the planners seem to have plumped for the first approach which, in so far as it also runs to taking in some in that it has meant assigning time to works modernist young men who made the such as Vaughan Williams's Sixth Triple Concerto, which are constantly heard anyway.

So how might the alternative approaches have worked out? Historically,

Now, the planners might riposte, it is in Venice. Tippett also gets a full-length endorsing current views of the whole it would have been salutary to revisit the British milieu of the mid-Forties in which the young Britten was widely felt to be brilliant yet somehow lacking in substance and Walton was still regarded as the acceptable face of modernism: in which the Gallic turns of Lennox Berkeley represented the permissible limit of Continental influence and the conservative symphonism of Edmund Rubbra stood for a continuing mainstream.

Neither Rubbra nor Berkeley features noteworthy recent arrivals, is fine; less so, in Endless Purade, nor any of the more running in the Fifties - Peter Racine Symphony, Walton's Second and Tippett's Fricker, Iain Hamilton, Humphrey Searle - though the most substantial arrival of the decade. Robert Simpson, should have

been included on any count. Of the still more adventurous gen-

eration who rose with the accession of William Glock to the BBC in 1959, Goehr, Maxwell Davies, Birtwistle and Richard Rodney Bennett are included, but not Nicholas Maw or Hugh Wood, and a chance has been missed yet again to reassess the tumultuous early output of

Malcolm Williamson. Some notable arrivals of the Seventies and Eighties are also missing: Michael Finnissy, Simon Holt, Mark Anthony Turnage and, not least, Judith Weir. But then the inclusion of only six women composers in the entire series

would be grounds for yet another black mark were it not for a welcome act of restitution. One of the most finely sustained and austerely lyrical scores of her entire vast output. Elisabeth Lutyens's Quincunz for voices and large orchestra, was rapturously received at the 1962 Cheltenham Festival and subsequently released on a too-long-deleted LP - and yet it has never, ever received a London

performance. Its inclusion in the concert at Maida Vale studios on 9 April (to be broadcast on 3 May) should serve to remind listeners that the international post-war enterprise to create a serialist lingua franca for new music - utterly discredited though it may currently seem - was capable in the right hands of yielding a haunting distinction, and no wonder Lutyens proved such an influential mother-figure to the subsequent Glock generation.

A few more rediscoveries of this calibre would surely have spiced up Endless Parade no end. Yet a critical reconsideration of a whole period involves more than just individual finds; it depends crucially upon what is programmed with what. We are. after all, supposed to be living in a postmodern flux in which the old notions of modernism and conservatism, of style and genre, of what makes a balanced concert programme even, have dissolved in a new relativity.

Thus, while some continue to exalt the transcendental modernism of a Brian Ferneyhough, others no longer feel shy about confessing to an affection for a longdisregarded ultra-conservative such as Gerald Finzi (a composer, we now discover. from Stephen Banfield's searching recent biography, who was working from as carefully formulated an ideology as any Ferneyhough).

Indeed, it is now possible to find individual listeners who respond to both composers, though to suggest that a Finzi-Ferneyhough concert might throw up some unexpected affinities, would doubtless still be regarded as a bit much. Yet the psychological shake-up that is almost upon us should not be underestimated: within but a few months we shall be talking about all this stuff as music

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ON THE AIR ANTHONY PAYNE

NO ONE ever put up a statue to a critic, it is often said. Not unless the critic is something else as well. Surprisingly, for a series aimed at the least critical sort of listener, Sound Stories on Radio 3 this week chose five music critics. Hans Keller, who appeared on Wednesday, must be spinning in his grave. He called music criticism a phoney profession, though it may have been the profession rather than the act of criticism he distrusted.

He did a good deal of it himself, both as a BBC music producer and as an intellectual celebrity who seems to have memorised every note of Haydn's string quartets and virtually owned Schoenberg. He was not only the prophet of the immortals, either, for Britten dedicated his third string quartet to him. After retirement, Keller wrote for the late, lamented Listener, castigating bran-tub sequences such as Mainly for Pleasure (precursor of In Tune) on Radio 3 while unblushingly praising not just the programmes he approved of, but also their producers. Keller's real importance, though, was in showing how music worked, and writers on the subject still refer to him 12 years after his death.

One of the first to give public lectures explaining the art was the Viennese critic Edward Hanslick, the model for the nitpicking, hide-bound Beckmesser in Wagner's Die Meistersinger. Yet, as Donald Macleod pointed out in Monday's programme, Hanslick wrote a generous obituary of Wagner, which is more than the egocentric and famously mean-spirited Wagner would ever have done for him.

Hanslick has been cast as the archetypal poison-pen critic, opposing anything progressive. His silliest criticisms were levelled at Tchaikovsky, whose Violin Concerto "stank", he wrote, and who would have rewritten the five in a bar waltz in the Pathétique Symphony in a more regular metre. Yet Hanslick can hardly be blamed for finding some of Richard Strauss's earlier music exaggerated and tasteless - many still think that - and he became opposed to Wagner only as the latter developed the idea of seamless music drama, dissolving the old formal divisions in opera.

Wagner's music was still contentious during Debussy's periodic stints of music criticism, outlined on Tuesday. Whereas Beethoven's writing for the orchestra was black and white, allowing for the most interesting gradations of grey in between (he wrote), Wagner's was a sort of multicoloured putty that obscured the individual character of instruments, so that it became hard to tell strings from trombones. Which sounds very much like a question of taste - you could just as well praise Wagner for wonderful blending.

Debussy inveighed against pale French imitations of Wagner precisely because he fought so hard not to become one himself. For him. Wagner was an artistic fatherfigure who had to be, if not buried, then at least superseded. And while never admitting any influence from Wagner, he had no hesitation in telling someone about to see Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov that the whole of his own Pelleas was there.

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Mussorgsky was one of Debussy's great causes, not least because he was hardly known, even in Russia, and Debussy - always the iconoclast - likened him to "an inquisitive savage who discovers music for the first time". As criticism heightening our awareness or pinpointing what we may already have felt - that is brilliant. But still more thrilling is the fact that Debussy, one of the determining forces of music's last hundred years, said it, and so revealed something of himself.

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Munich's mystic maestro

SERGIU CELIBIDACHE, the Romanian-born conductor who died in 1996 at the age of 84 and who for most of his life refused to make records, is now the subject of two massive compact-disc retrospectives. And the paradoxes don't end there. Christian Gansch, the producer, is central to both projects as mastermind of Deutsche Grammophon's 60-CD "Celibidache Edition", and as leader of the Munich Philharmonic's second violin section on a similar edition for EMI. Gansch, who has produced key DG recordings by planist-conductor Mikhail Pletney, conductor James Levine and many other celebrated musicians, played under "Celi" (as Celibidache was popularly known) in Munich from 1981 to 1990. By then, Munich's mystic maestro was slowing repertory masterworks into infinity, lengthening the playing time of a 60-minute symphony by an average 15 minutes or more.

Celi was always poised at the centre of controversy, adored by some, intensely disliked by others. He had been thrown into prominence in post-war Germany at the helm of the Berlin Philharmonic. pending the de Nazification of Wilhelm Furtwängler. Thereafter, he held various positions, angered or inspired orchestras with his demands for extra rehearsal time and later vented his resentment at not being chosen to succeed Furtwängler in Berlin. His tenure as General Music Director at Munich lasted from 1979 until his death. According to Gansch, he would regularly tell the "ladies and gentlemen of the Munich Philharmonic" that they were much better than their Berlin counterparts. Some critics will have agreed with him. EMI have chronicled Celi's remarkable Munich sojourn in three boxed sets, one of mixed repertory, another devoted to Celi's beloved Bruckner and a third (forthcoming) of Brahms

and Beethoven. Gansch prefers to focus on an earlier period in Celi's career. "The earlier performances have more energy and more rhythmic thrust," he said to me in Munich recently, "and I think that approach works better. Sometimes the slower speeds make concentrating more difficult, and then it is not always easy to enter Celi's unique sound-world."

Brahms's four symphonies are first on the agenda. The cycle was recorded with the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra between 1974 and 1976, but discerning Celi-fanciers might prefer to wait until EMI launch their Munich alternatives (in a month or so), then weigh the relative virtues of both sets. On the evidence of Brahms's First Symphony, DG's Stuttgart Brahms cycle is a stunner.Another DG set - due for release in late spring/early summer - will include orchestral works by Richard Strauss, including Ein Heldenleben, or A Hero's Life. "Celi conducted Ein Heldenleben very often",



Sergiu Celibidache

Gansch recalled, " and it was always a huge, fantastic epic. When it was over, you felt as if you had journeyed through an entire cosmos full of characters and emotions."

Celi's only son Ioan is keen that DG and EMI offer definitive alternatives to the many poor-quality "pirate" CDs of his father's live reformances. Al-though the mature Celibidache fought shy of recording the had made a handful of records just after the war), he did agree to have his Munich performances released on video and laser-disc. Why? "He told me that it was because people who look at videos don't listen to the music. 'So I don't care about the quality'," said Gansch.

His relationship with Celi the Munich Philharmonic, the keen young violinist was playsuddenly screamed his name. play like that I want less bow!"

free. I would not agree to play under such circumstances, so I went home. "Four weeks later, during a

started inauspiciously. On one occasion, during his "trial with ing on tour in Napoli when Celi 'Gansch!' he roared, 'don't I was completely shocked, and so was the orchestra. During the interval, I went to the orchestral manager and said that as from that moment my position in the orchestra would be

Munich rehearsal, Celi came up to me with tears in his eyes. He put his arms around me and

asked me what had been going on. 'You know Maestro,' I said, if you behave like that during concerts, I cannot play. He was obviously taken aback 'But I didn't mean it like that.' he said. And from then on, our relationship improved significantly."

Other Celibidachean foibles included a marked dislike for individualism within the orchestral community and an occasional tendency to "get personal". He also had great integrity and respected the views of those who disagreed with him, even if he reacted unfavourably at the time. Celibidache inspired great

loyalty. When Christian Gansch left the orchestra to work for Deutsche Grammophon, Celi was both angry and disappointed. A little later, when the newly installed record producer tried to coerce him into recording, he once again declined the offer.

"Now that he's dead." says Gansch wistfully, "I can imag-ine him sitting in Heaven and saying, because you left me, as punishment you must sit down and listen to all the Celibidache tapes in the world!" Profits for both the DG and EMI editions will be donated to educational and humanitarian causes.

Sergiu Celibidache's SWR Stuttgart Radio recordings of Brahms's four symphonies lincluding a rehearsal sequence of the Fourth) is on Deutsche Grammophon 459 635-2 (3 discs)

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NEW FILMS

Beyond Silence (12) Director: Caroline Link

Starring: Sylvie Testud, Howie Seago

Caroline Link's fine domestic drama (Oscarnominated in 1997) revolves around the dynamics of the uncommon German household headed by able-bodied Lara (played by Tatjana Trieb as a child, Sylvie Testud as an adult), who acts as a representative for her deaf mum and dad (Emmanuelle Laborit, Howie Seago). Unshowy acting and a keen eye for the telling detail help keep the sentiment at bay. West End: ABC Swiss Centre

Blast from the Past (12) Director: Hugh Wilson

Starring: Brendan Fraser, Alicia Silverstone, Sissy Spacek, Christopher Walken

Less a blast than a faint pop, Hugh Wilson's workmanlike Cold War satire sees Brendan Fraser's last American man (called Adam, natch) emerging from the nuclear bunker his parents (Christopher Walken, Sissy Spacek) holed up in during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Trouble is, of course, that the Bomb didn't get dropped, and California is still there (albeit in radically altered form). So off goes bewildered Adam through this brave new world, soon finding a sassy Eve in Alicia Silverstone's knowing Valley Girl, as a decent set-up nosedives into brash predictability. West End: Virgin Trocadero. And local

The Night of the Hunter (12) Director: Charles Laughton

Starring: Robert Mitchum Conceived by its creator as "a nightmarish sort of Mother Goose tale", Charles Laughton's 1955 drama (his only stab at directing) proved altogether too rich and strange a brew for the neat, Formica tastes of McCarthy-era USA. Now an acknowledged classic, The Night of the Hunter hinges on the legendary bit of screen villainy from Robert Mitchum as the tale's murderous preacher, LOVE and HATE tattooed across his knuckles, and chasing two imperilled orphans (Billy Chapin, Jane Bruce) into the arms of Lillian Gish's saintly fairy-

godmother. What might have been a run-of-themill thriller is conjured into the realms of fantasy by Laughton's skewed child's eye vision, his Old Testament bombast and a ripe storybook style best evidenced in the kids' otherworldly trip downriver. This is a haunting, wholly unique thing; a mescal lullaby sung over

an empty crib. West End; Curzon Soho, Repertory: The

Plunkett and Macleane (15) Director: Jake Scott

Starring: Robert Carlyle, Jonny Lee Miller

Plunkett and Macleane (Carlyle and Lee Miller) are rakish Dick Turpins cutting a dash through 18th-century society. They rob the rich and keep the loot. Plunkett packs a pistol and scowis a lot. Macleane romances a shapely debutante (Liv Tyler). Their adventures come choreographed to a thrumming techno beat. And yet beneath all the powder, the frills, the ruffles and the wigs. Plunkett and Macleane is a pretty plain-looking customer, shuffling along on a puny prop of a plotline that gets increasingly bent out of shape. As a substitute. director Jake (son of Ridley) offers noise. colour and virtuouso pop-promo visuals. while leaning heavily on the winning chemistry between his two stars (re-united from Trainspotting). Ultimately it's Carlyle and Lee Miller that keep it palatable.

West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington. Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys. Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

Tea with Mussolini (PG)

Director: Franco Zeffirelli Starring: Maggie Smith, Joan Plowright, Judi Dench, Cher

Zeffirelli's clearly been at the Chianti again. His Tea with Mussolini is a typically squiffy and loquacious affair, ambling around the houses during its tale of three dotty Brits (Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright) adrift in Mussolini-era Tuscany. One senses that someplace deep down in his consciousness, Zef has some points to make about fascism, and about the contrast between British fortitude and Yankee grit (represented by Cher's vital American vamp). But just as he seems to be nearing some thematic breakthrough, Tea With Mussolini turns all syrupy again. The scenery slips into a golden haze. The dialogue turns shurred and drippily incontinent. The acting goes off into a series of mannered tics: the starts, twitches and adjustments of a body

already half-asleep. West End: Barbican Screen, Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys. Local: Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Hampstead ABC, Richmond Odeon Studio, Streatham ABC. Sutton UCI 6.

GENERAL RELEASE

AFFLICTION (15) See The Independent Recommends, above.

West End: ABC Piccadilly

AMERICAN HISTORY X (18) A liberal essay on right-wing fanaticism, this

nonetheless indulges in some dubious Nazi chic as it charts the moral slide and conversion of a bluecollar racist (Edward Norton). West End: Clophom Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

Aprile freewheels through three years in Italian politics. Impossible to pigeonhole, with its realist/absurdist rhythms, it bows out with a finale that's both ridiculous and charming. West End:

AN AUTUMN TALE

(CONTE D'AUTOMNE) (U) The final part of Eric Rohmer's Tales of the Four Seasons is at once airily elegiac and as warm as sunshine. Magali (Beatrice Romand) gets ushered through all manner of boops as her friends try to set her up with eligible men. West End: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Curzon Soho, Renoir. Repertory: Phoenix Cinema

ARLINGTON ROAD (15) Mark Pellington's paranoia thriller sees Jeff Bridges' college professor becoming suspicious about his "respectable" neighbour (Tim Robbins). Pellington is hig on skewed camera angles, yet rings too few changes in his film's familiar territory. West End: ABC Shoftesbury Avenue, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

CENTRAL STATION (15) A road-movie of sorts, Central Station trails Fernanda Montenegro's retired schoolmarm and her abandoned nine-year-old charge on a hunt for the boy's missing father West End: Curzon Mayfair, Renoir, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre

FESTEN (THE CELEBRATION) (15) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Panton Street, Curzon Soho.

GODS AND MONSTERS (15)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Town, Odeon Haymarket, Ritzy Cinema. Screen on the Hill, Virgin Fulham Road. Local: New Stratford Picture House

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (LA VITA E BELLA) (PG) In Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning comedy, the writer-director takes centre stage as a clowning Jewish bookseller in fascist Italy. Sent to a deathcamp, he strives to convince his sen that it's all no more than an eccentric game. West End: ABC Swiss Centre, Empire Leicester Square, Curzon Minema, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen

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on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea.

MIGHTY JOE (PG)

And local cinemas

Disposable Disney fluff - King Kong with a smile with a ready charm that's hard to dislike. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelseo. And local cinemas

Virgin Haymarket, Repertory: Phoenix Cinema.

Rumbling revenge thriller that sends its doublecrossed-and-left-for-dead anti-hero (Mel Gibson) on a mission to retrieve the money he's owned and get even into the bargain. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town. Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch. Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

PLEASANTVILLE (12) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE RUGRATS MOVIE (U)

Given the small-screen success of the 'rats (cartoon toddlers), a feature-length foray was always in the offing. Neatly timed for the Easter hols. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

THE THIN RED LINE (15)

Terrence Malick's long-awaited return to the director's chair is a fabulous, fever-struck war film. A cast of familiar faces all play a determined second fiddle to The Thin Red Line's creeping narcotic mood. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Mezzanine, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket. And local cinemas

THIS YEAR'S LOVE (18)

A cast of Britain's finest (Kathy Burke, lan Hart, Douglas Henshall et al) weave to and fro through David Kane's Camden-set essay on urban romance. West End: Odeon Camden And local cinemas

WAKING NED (PG)

Good news: Ned, a salt-of-the-earth resident of Tullymore has won the lottery. Bad news: Ned is dead. Cue a rattle-bag of comedic misadventures as two local scallywags scheme to get their paws on the loot. West End: Clapham Picture House. Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Chelsea. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Gods and Monsters (15) A droll speculation on the last days of 1930s borror auteur James Whale (Ian McKellen), who is magnetised by the form of his gardener (Brendan Fraser). Director

Pleasantville (12) Two Nineties teenagers are "sucked" into the world of a favourite Fifties sitcom and begin to exert a dramatic influence on its conformist black-and-white idvll. A witty parable about prejudice and change (right).

Festen (15)

Danish director Thomas Vinterberg's superlative black comedy centres on the 60th birthday of a family patriarch who finds himself at the heart of dark secrets that unexpectedly emerge.

Affliction (15)

Paul Schrader's bleak, Oscar-winning study in fatherhood and fatalism stars Nick Nolte as a man struggling to escape the influence of his violent dad - James Coburn (Best Supporting Actor).

Shakespeare in Love (15)

This enjoyable, Oscar-laden historical romp suggests how romance fired Shakespeare with the creative inspiration for Romeo and Juliet. Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow (Best Actress) head an impressive cast.

THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

Good

(Donmar Warehouse) Starring Charles Dance. CP Talyor's play about accommodations with conscience is revived in an Bill Condon won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay. immaculate and sensitive production by Michael Grandage. To 22 May

Gross Indecency

(Gielgud Theatre, London) The artfully fractured form of Moises Kaufman's compelling play about Oscar Wilde manages to present the writer - man and symbol - in all his complex contradictoriness. Booking to 5 Jun

The Late Middle Classes (Palace Theatre, Watford)

The fruitful collaboration between Simon Gray and Harold Pinter continues with the latter's production of Gray's dark comedy, set in Fifties England. To 10 Apr Volpone

Comedies don't come any funnier or more astringent

than Ben Jonson's brilliant dissection of avaricious,

over-reaching egotism. To 9 Oct Troilus and Cressida

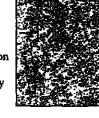
(Swan Theatre, Stratford)

(Olivier, NT, London) This play and this theatre are made for each other, a fact proved by the masterly sweep of Trevor Nunn's production (right). To 19 May

THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Jackson Pollock

(Tate Gallery) Big, revelatory retrospective (right) for the wild hero of Abstract Expressionism (going on Old Master), legendary for his great drip paintings, but virtually unknown here for 40 years.



Portraits by Ingres (National Gallery) Some of the smartest, most intense portraiture ever. Men as icons of power, women as exquisite mélanges of flesh and fabric. To 25 Apr

Henri Michaux (Whitechapel Gallery) He travelled. He wrote. He took drugs. And, inspired by gricf and mescalin, he created amazing, wobbly bobbly wibbly scribbly fine-grain line drawings. To 25 Apr

Andreas Gursky (Dean Gallery, Edinburgh)

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Aubrey Beardsley

(Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool) The short and brilliant career of the 1890s aesthete and illustrator, with his masterful blacks and whites and his uniquely sinuous, florid line. To 11 Apr

PAUL TAYLOR

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CINEMA WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET

ABC PICCADILLY Circus Affliction 1pm. 3.30pm. 6pm, 8.30pm Your Friends and Neighbors 1.3: 6.15pm, 8.35pm 1.35pm, 3.55pm,

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE 5.45pm. 8.40pm Eli 1.40pm. 5.15pm. 8.20pm Elizabech

ABC SWISS CENTRE Square Piccadilly Circus Beyond Silence 1.40pm. 4.10pm. 6.30pm, 8.50pm Hideous Kinky 1.50pm. 4.05pm. 6.15pm. 8.35pm La Vita è Bella 1.20pm. 3.45pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm La Vie Revee des Anges (The Dream Life of Angels) 1.45pm, 4.05pm. 6.25pm, 8.40pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD (0870-902 0414) O Tottenham Court Road Gods and Monsters 1.10pm. 3.50pm. 6.55pm Payback 6.35pm.

Plunkett and Macleane 1 25pm 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.35pm BARBICAN SCREEN

9.10pm

6.15pm, 8.40pm CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) Sloane Square An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 1.35pm. 3 55pm.

6.25pm, 8.45pm CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE (0171-498 3323) & Clapham Common American History X 1.45pm. 4.10pm. 6.40pm. 9.10pm A Bug's Life 1.30pm Gods and Monsters 2.30pm. 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.20pm Plunkett and Macleane 2pm. 4.20pm. 6.50pm. 9pm Waking Ned 3.30pm. 5.30pm. 7.30pm.

CURZON MAYFAIR (0171-369 1720) & Green Park Central Station (Central do 1.30pm. 6.15pm, 8.45pm

CURZON MINEMA (0171-369 1723) & Hyde Park Corner/Knightsbridge La Vita e Bella 3pm, 6 30pm, 8.50pm

CURZON SOHO (0171-734 2255 (12noon-6pm)) Deicester Square. Tottenham
 Court Road An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.15pm Festen (The Celebration) 3pm. 9.30pm Gods and Monsters 2 15pm. 4.30pm, 6.45pm. 9pm Night, of

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE 11.45pm La Vita è Bella 11.45am, 2.30pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm, 11.15pm Shakespeare in Love 12noon, 2.45pm. 5.45pm, 8.30pm, 11.30pm Tea with Mussolini 12.15pm, 3pm. 6pm, 8.45pm

(0171-727 4043) & Notting Hill

Gate Frankenstein (1931 Version) 11.15pm Gods and

lonsters 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm.

GATE NOTTING HILL

9pm (+ Short, Grandpa) (0171-734 I506) O Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square Aprile 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Elizabeth 1pm. 3.30pm. 6pm. 8.30pm

(0171-727 6705) O Notting Hill Gate Plunkett and Macleane

NOTTING HILL CORONET

3.30pm, 6pm, 8.50pm

ODEON CAMPEN TOWN (08705-050007) ← Camden Town American History X 12.15pm. 2.55pm, 5.40pm, 8.25pm, 11.25pm A Bug's Life 11.55am, 1.55pm Payback 11.45am, 2.10pm, 4.25pm, 6.40pm, 8.50pm. 11.25pm Plunkett and Macleane 11.50am. 2.05pm. 4.20pm. 6.35pm. 8.55pm. 11.30pm, 6.35pm, 8.55pm, 11.30pm This Year's Love 3.45pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm, 11.15pm Waking Ned 12.15pm, 2.20pm, 4.35pm, 6.45pm, 6.45pm,

9pm 11 35pm **ODEON HAYMARKET** (08705-050007) Piccadilly Circus This Year's Love 1.15pm. 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm

ODEON KENSINGTON 3 50pm. 6.35pm 9 20pm. 12 05am Mighty Joe 1 05pm. 3.50pm Payback 2 05pm. 4 40pm. 7 15pm 9 50pm 12 25am Plunkett and Macleane 2pm, 4,30pm, 6,55pm, 9,25pm, 12 05 m Shakespeare in Love 6.40pm 9.10pm Tea with Mussolini 11.35am, 2.20pm, 5.10pm, 8pm, 12.05am Waking Ned 2 35pm, 4 55pm, 7.15pm

9.35pm, 11.55pm **ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE** 8 50pm, 11 15pm

ODEON MARBLE ARCH Bug's Life 12 50pm Enemy of State 11 35pm Mighty Joe 3 20pm 12.20pm 1.15pm. 3.45pm 6.30pm 9.10pm 11.55pm Plunkett and Macleane 120pm, 350pm, 350pm, 620pm 905pm, 12midnight The Rugrats Movie 12 10pm, 215pm, 420pm, 625pm, 5hakespeare it Love 620pm, 905pm, 1145pd, The Thin Red Line 810pm, 1125pm, Modelan, Nod. 275pm, 1125pm, Nod. 275pm, Nod. 275pm 11 35pm Waking Ned 3 25pm.

ODEON MEZZANINE 2 25pm. 4 30pm. 8 45pm Elizabeth 3 05pm, 5 35pm, 8,20pm La Vita e Bella 12 45pm, 3 20pm, 6pm 8 40pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.25pm. 3.55pm. 6.20pm 8.45pm Thin Red Line 12 55pm. 4 15pm, 7 40pm

ODEON SWISS COTTAGE (08705-050007) → Seass Cottage American History X 3 20pm Arlington Road 12.30pm, 5 35pm A Bug's Life 1 30pm Mighty Joe 12 40pm, 3 20pm Payback 3 55pm 6.15pm, 8.45pm Plunkett and Macleane 115pm, 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.50pm Shakespeare in Love 5.45pm 8.25pm Tea with Mussoliai 12,30pm. 5.50pm. 8.30pm Waking Ned 12.20pm. 2.30pm 4.35pm 2 30pm 5 45pm, 8.55pm

ODEON WEST END Square Little Voice 8.55pm Mighty Joe 12.55pm. 3.25pm. Waking Ned 4.05pm, 6.35pm, 9pm

PEPSI IMAX CINEMA (0171-494 4153) ♥ Piccadilly Circus Blue Planet 12.35pm Everest 4.45pm, 9.05pm 15 -The First City in Space (3-D) 2 40pm, 7pm T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous (3-D) 1 35pm. 3 40pm 5 50pm

Circus Arlington Road 12 30pm,

3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm Patch

8.30pm The Rugrats Movie

9pm

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12noon. 2pm, 4pm, 6.30pm Saving Private Ryan 12.15pm 4 15pm, 7 45pm (0171-837 8402) \varTheta Russell Square **Aprile** 4.400m, 4pm An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 1 35pm 3 55pm, 6 25pm, 8.45pm Central Station (Central

do Brasil) 1 20pm, 6 იმეთ

<u>CINEMA</u> (0171-733 2229) BR/⊕ Brixton American History X 2pm, 4 30pm. 7.05pm, 9.30pm, 12midnight Beloved 10.50pm Central Station

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SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-206 3520) Angel: Highbury & Islington La Vita e Bella 3.20pm, 6pm, 6.35pm

SCREEN ON THE HILL

8.45pm La Vita è Bella 3.40pm.

Gods and Monsters 2.15pm. 4 25pm, 6,40pm, 3 55pm **UCI WHITELEYS** American History X 650pm 9 35pm Arlington Road 5 50pm. 9pm A Bug's Life 10 45am. 1pm La Vita e Bella 12 15pm. 3 10pm, 6pm. 8 50pm Madeline 3 10pm, 6pm, 8 50pm Madeline 11am Mighty Joe 12,30pm, Payback 7.20pm. Plunkett and Macleane 11.30am. 2 10pm 4 30pm, 7pm, 9 25pm The Rugrats Movie 1 40pm. 4pm 6 10pm Shakespeare In

Love 3.20pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm Tea with Mussolini 12.45pm. 6 20pm, 9 10pm The Thin Red Line 8.40pm

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VIRGIN FULHAM ROAD (08/0-907 0711) ♥ South Rensington Gods and Monsters 20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 9pm Payback 1.40pm, 40pm, 9,20pm Plunkett and Macleane 12 10pm, 2 30pm, 4 50pm 7 10pm 9 30pm 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm The Thin Red Line 1pm. 430pm. 820pm You've Got M@il

2 40pm, 5 20pm, 8pm virgin haymarket 2 20pm 6 15pm, 9pm La Vita è Bella 3 20pm, 5 05pm, 8,50pm The Thin Red Line 1pm

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WARNER VILLAGE WEST END

(0171-437 4343) **⊕** Leicester Sq.

American History X 12 30pm. 3.15pm, 6.20pm 9pm 11.45pm Arlington Road Road 12 20pm. 11 55pm A Bug's Life 11.50am. 7 05pm 4 20pm Lock. Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 12 10am Madeline 12 40pm The Opposite of Sex 2 40pm, 5 05pm, 7.25pm. ∮laSpm Payback 11.30am, 1pm. 2pm, 3 30pm, 4 30pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8 30pm, 9.30pm, 11pm, 2midnight The Rugrats Movie 3.20pm. 7 20pm Urban Legend 9.25pm, 11 50pm Very Bad Things 12 05pm You've Got M@ll 8.50pm 9.30pm 11.30pm

LONDON LOCALS

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE

(0181-896 0066) & Park Royal American History X 10.10pm. 12.40am Arlington Road 7pm. 9.50pm, 12.35am Blast from the Past 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm. 11.30pm A Bug's Life 12.30pm, 2.40pm, 5.05pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 12.20am Jack Frost 12.40pm Madeline 11am Mighty Joe 10.50am, 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 7.10pm Patch Adams 10am Paybadt 1.20pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.40pm, 12.30am Plunkett and Macleane 11.40am, 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm, 11.40pm The Prince of Egypt 11.30am The Rugrats Movie 10.50am, 12.50pm, 2.50pm, 4.50pm, 6.50pm Shakespeare in Love 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9.20pm, 12 05am The Thin Red Line 8.50pm Urban Legend 12.15am Waking Ned 2.50pm, 5.10pm, 7.30pm, 9 50pm. 12midnight You've Got

Mk@il 7,20pm BECKENHAM ABC (0870-902 0412) BR: Becken-ham Junction A Bug's Life 12.10pm Madeline 12.15pm, 5pm Payback 2.20pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Plunkett and Macleane 2.30pm, 7.10pm. 9.40pm The Rugrats Movie 1.15pm. Shakespeare in Love 9.10pm

BEXLEVHEATH CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR: Bexleyheath Arlington Road 9.40pm, 12.10am Blast from the Past 12.15pm, 2.40pm, 5.10pm, 7.30pm, 9.50pm, 12.20am A Bug's Life 11am, 1pm, 3.05pm Jack Frost 11am Madeline 11.30pm Mighty Joe 11.30am. 2pm. 4.30pm. 7pm, 9.30pm. 12midnight Patch Adams 12noon. 2.25pm, 4.50pm, 7.20pm, 1210-71. 2.2-5pm, 4.50pm, 7.20pm, 9.40pm. 12midnight Payback 1.15pm, 3.25pm, 5.35pm, 6.50pm, 7.50pm, 9.15pm, 10pm, 11.30pm, 12.15am Plunkett and Macleane 2noon, 2.25pm, 4.50pm, 7.20pm, 9.35pm. 12midnight The Rugrats Movie 11.10am. 12.10pm, 1.05pm. 2.10pm, 3pm. 4.10pm, 5pm. 6pm. 7.50pm Shakespeare in Love 5pm. 7.30pm, 9.55pm, 12.15am W Ned 1.45pm, 3.45pm, 5.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm, 11.45pm

CATFORD ABC (0181-461 1278) BR: Catford. A Bug's Life 1pm, 3.30pm Payback 5.45pm, 8.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 6.10pm, 8.40pm The Rugrats Movie 12.15pm.

CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: West East Croydon Waking Ned 3.45pm, 5.45pm, 7.45pm

FAIRFIELD HALLS (0181-688 9291)

BR: East Croydon Shakespeare in

Love 7.45pm SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon, Aarzoo 10.30pm American History X 10.40pm A Bug's Life 12.30pm, 2.45pm Jaanam Samjha Karo 8pm. 11.10pm Mighty Joe 12 20pm. 2.40pm. 5.30pm The Rugrats Movie 1pm, 3.10pm, 5.40pm This Year's Love 8.10pm

Waking Ned 5.35pm. 8.20pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-680 8090) BR: East Croydon Arlington Road 9.30pm, 12midnight Blast from the Past 12,50pm, 3,30pm. 6pm. 8.30pm, 11pm A Bug's Life 11.10am, 1.30pm, 3.40pm Jack Frost 10,40am Madeline 10.20am Mighty Joe 11am, 1.25pm, 3.50pm, 6.55pm Patch Adams 9.10pm Payback 1 40pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm, 11.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 11.30am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 7.20pm. Opm The Prince of Egypt 11 20am The Rugrats Movie 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm. 30pm, 7pm Shakespeare in Love 5.45pm, 8.40pm, 11.20pm The Thin Red Line 8.50pm Urban Legend 11.40pm Waking Ned 1pm. 3.20pm, 5.30pm, 7.40pm, 9.50pm, 11 55pm You've Got M@il 6 40pm

WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592

2020) O Dagenham Heathway

American History X 9.50pm.

12 20am Arlington Road 9.40pm.

12 10am Blast from the Past 12 30pm, 2.45pm, 5pm, 7.15pm.

9.30pm, 11.50pm A Bug's Life

Frost 10.30am Madeline 10.30am

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Mighty Joe 10.40am, 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 12,10am Patch Apm. 6.30pm. 12.10am Patch Adams 7.20pm Payback 11.30am. 2pm. 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9.10pm, 11.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.20pm. 6.40pm, 9pm. 12.10am The Prince of Egypt 11am The Rugrats Movie 11am, 1pm. 3pm. 4.50pm. 6.50pm Shake-speare in Love 1.20pm. 4pm. 6.40pm, 9.20pm, 12midnight Shah-hed-E-Mohabbat 8.50pm The Thin

4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm You've Got M@il 6.50pm

EALING VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-907 0719) BR/O Ealing Broadway A Bug's Life 11.30am Mighty Joe 11.45am, 2.15pm Payback 2.05pm, 4.30pm, 6.55pm, 9.15pm Plunkett and Macleane 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm The Rugrats Movie 11am. 1pm. 3pm, 5pm. 7pm Shakespeare

hed-E-Mohabbat 8.50pm The Thin

Red Line 8.40pm This Year's Love

12midnight Urban Legend 11pm Waking Ned 12.35pm, 2.30pm,

in Love 8.50pm **EDMONTON**

LEE VALLEY UCI 12 (0990-888990) ♦ Tottenham Hale American History X 7.20pm, 9.50pm, 12.20am Arlington Road 7.30pm, 10pm Beloved 8.10pm Blast from the Past 11.50am, 3.05pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm A Bug's Life 10.45am. 12.55pm. 3.20pm Enemy of the State 11.40pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 11pm La Vita è Bel-la 5.50pm, 8.30pm Madeline 11.30am, 2.05pm, 4.10pm Mighty Joe 12.20pm. 3.40pm. 6.30pm A Night at the Roxbury 11.50pm Patch Adams 11am. 2.30pm. 5pm Payback 12nm, 2.15nm, 4.40nm, 7.10pm, 9.35pm, 12midnight Plun-kett and Macleane 12.10pm. 11.30pm The Rugrats Movie 10.30am, 11.15am, 12.30pm, 1.40pm, 2.50pm, 4pm, 4.50pm, Love 1pm. 3.35pm, 6.20pm. 9pm Tea With Mussolini 12.45pm. 3.20pm. 6pm, 8.40pm The Thin Red Line 8.50pm Urban Legend 11.10pm Waking Ned 11.40am, 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.45pm, 9.10pm,

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3.30pm, 6pm, 8.50pm

CINEWORLD THE MOVIES (0181-867 0555) BR: Feltham Aa Ab Laut Chalen 2 20pm, 8.30pm, 13.40cm **Aarzoo** 17.15am, 2.45cm, 6.15pm, 9.45pm, 11.40pm American History X 7.15pm, 9.40pm, 12.10am Arlington Road 9.20pm, 11.40pm Blast from the Past 11.20am, 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9pm A Bug's Life 11am. 1pm. 3pm International Khiladi 12.40pm. 4.10pm. 7.40pm. 11.10pm Jaanam Samiha Karo 11am, 2.30pm, 6pm, 9.30pm, 11.30pm Jack Frost 11.40am Kuch Kuch Hota Hai 12.30pm, 3.50pm, 8.50pm Madeline 12.20pm Mighty Joe 11.20am, 1.50pm, 4.30pm, 7.05pm Patch Adams 11.30am, 1.50pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm Payback 2pm. 4.30pm. 6.50pm. 7.50pm. 9.10pm. 10.10pm. 11.30pm . 12.20am Plunkett and Macleane 2.30pm. 4.50pm, 7.10pm. 9.30pm. 11.50pm The Rugrats Movie 11.10am. 12noon. 1.10pm. 2рт, 3.10рт, 4рт, 5.10рт, 6рт, 7pm Shakespeare in Love 5pm. 7.20pm, 9.50pm The Thin Red Line 9.25pm Urban Legend 12.20am Velvet Goldmine 12.20am Waking Ned 12.10pm. 2.20pm. 4.40pm, 7pm, 9.15pm You've Got FINCHLEY ROAD

WARNER VILLAGE (0171-604 3110) © Finchley Road Arlington Road 6.15pm, 8.50pm Blast from the Past 11am, 1.25pm. 3.55pm. 6.25pm, 9pm A Bug's Life 1.40pm, 4pm La Vita è Bella 7.10pm Madeline 11.45am Mighty Joe 11.10am. 1.50pm, 4.30pm Payback 2pm, 4.25pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6 05pm, 8.30pm The Rugrats Movie 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm Shakespeare In Love 1pm, 3,45pm, 6,20pm, 9,10pm The Thin Red Line 9,25pm Waking Ned 12.40pm, 2.55pm, 5.15pm, 7.25pm, 9.40pm You've Got M@il 9.50pm

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ABC (0181 455 4134) ⊕ Golders Green Payback 6.10pm. 8.35pm The Rugrats Movie 2pm. 4pm

GREENWICH GREENWICH CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich A Bug's Life 11.50am, 1.40pm La Vita è Bella 7pm Little Voice 2.30pm Madeline 7pm Little Voice 2.30pm Madeline 12.45pm Mighty Joe 12noon. 2.15pm The Opposite of Sex 11.45pm Payback 4.25pm. 6.45pm. 9pm. 11.15pm Plunkett and Macleane 3.30pm. 5.30pm. 7.30pm. 9.30pm. 11.30pm Shake-speare in Love 4.30pm. 9.15pm

HAMMERSMITH MAMMERSMITH

WIRGIN (0870-907 0718) ← Hammersmith A Bug's Life 12.40pm La

Vita è Bella 6pm, 8.40pm Mighty

Joe 12.30pm, 3.10pm Payback
3.15pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.10pm, 4pm. 6.20pm, 8.50pm The Rugrats Movie 11.20am, 1.30pm, 3.40pm, 5.50pm

ABC (0870-902 0413) ← Belsize Park American History X 8.15pm A Bug's Life 1.10pm, 3.10pm La Vita è Bella 5.45pm, 8.30pm The Rugrats Movie 2pm, 4pm, 6pm Tea With Mus-solini 2.45pm, 5.35pm, 8.25pm

HARROW WARNER VILLAGE (0181-427 9009) O Harrow-on-the-Hill American History X 9.40pm Arlington Road 5.40pm, 8.40pm Blast from the Past 12.30pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm, 10.10pm A Bug's Life 9.50am, 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm Jack Frost 11.30am Made-4.50pm Jack Prost 71.30am Made-line 10.10am Mighty Joe-10am. 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6.40pm Patch Adams 9.20pm, 12.10am Payback 10.20am, 1pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 10.20am, 1pm, 3.50pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm, 12midnight Plunkett and Macleane 12.20pm, 3pm, 6.10pm, 9pm, 11.50pm The Prince of Egypt 10.50am The Rugrats Movie 9.50am, 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 7.10pm Shakespeare in Love 1.10pm, 7.0pm, 7.10pm, 7.10 1.10pm. 4.10pm. 7pm. 9.50pm The Thin Red Line 9.10pm Urban Legend 11.40pm Waking Ned 1.50pm. 4pm. 6.20pm. 8.50pm. 11.30pm You've Got M@il 6.50pm

HOLLOWAY
ODEON (08705 050007) + Holloway Road Arlington Road 9pm Blast from the Past 1.45pm. 4.30pm. 7pm, 9.20pm A Bug's Life 12.15pm. 12.45pm. 2.15pm. 2.45pm, 4.15pm, 4.45pm, 6.15pm Madeline 12.35pm Mighty Joe 1.10pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm Payback 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 12.30pm. 2.40pm, 5pm, 7.20pm, 9.45pm The Rugrats Movie 12noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm. 7.50pm Shakespeare in Love 6.40pm, 9.10pm The Thin Red Line 8.15pm Waking Ned 1pm, 3pm, 5.10pm, 7.30pm 9.35pm; Mon-Thur 12 40pm, 2.40pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.10pm You've Got M@il 9.40pm

ILFORD ODEON (08705 050007) & Gants LONDON Hill A Bug's Life 1.20pm Kuch Kuch ICA CINE Hota Hai 7.40pm Mighty Joe 12noon, 2.30pm, 5.10pm Payback 3.40pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm. 8.40pm The Rugrats Movie 12noon, 2.10pm, 4.20pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm Waking Ned 12.40pm, 3pm, 5.40pm, 8.50pm

KILBURN TRICYCLE CINEMA (0171-328 1000) & Kilburn A Bug's Life 1.30pm, 4pm Waking Ned 4pm, 7pm 9 15pm

KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS (0870-902 0409) BR: Kingston A Bug's Life 1.20pm Payback 3.35pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm 3.30pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm The Rugrats Movie 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 6pm hakespeare in Love 8.05pm

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (08705 050007) Highgate A Bug's Life 12.55pm La Vita è Bella 6pm. 8.20pm Mighty Joe 1pm. 3.30pm Payback 2.45pm. 4.50pm. 6.55pm. 9pm 2.45pm, 4.50pm, 6.55pm, 9pm Plunkett and Macleane 2pm, 4.10pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm

PECKHAM PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR: Peckham Rye American History X 6.45pm. 9.15pm. 11,45pm Beloved 7.30pm. 10.55pm Blast from the Past 1.45pm, 4.10pm, 6.35pm, 9.05pm, 11.30pm A Bug's Life 12.30pm, 2.35pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 10.30cm Madeline Her Groove Back 10.30pm Madeline 1.25pm, 3.10pm, 4.55pm Mighty Joe 12noon, 2.30pm, 5pm Payback 4.35pm, 6.55pm, 9.10pm, 11.35pm Plunkett and Macleane 2.25pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm, 9pm, 11.15pm The Rugrats Movie 12.10pm, 2.15pm, 4.20pm, 6.25pm, 8.25pm 2.15pm, 4.20pm, 6.25pm, 8.25pm

PUTNEY ABC (0870-902 0401) O Putney Bridge. BR: Putney. A Bug's Life 2.15pm Payback 4.45pm, 7.15pm, 9.45pm; Mon-Thur 3.45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Plunkett and Macleane 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm The Rugrats Movie 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm: Mon-Thur 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm Shakespeare in Love 9.15pm

RICHMOND ODEON (08705-050007) BR/O Richmond Madeline 12noon Payback 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm Waking Ned 1.30pm, 4pm, 7pm, 9.40pm

ODEON STUDIO (08705-050007) BR/O Richmond Arlington Road 9.30pm A Bug's Life 1.20pm Mighty Joe 12.50pm, 3.20pm, 5.50pm The Rugrats Movie 1pm. 3pm. 5pm, 7pm Shakespeare in Love 3.20pm. 6.10pm. 9pm Tea With Mussolini 12.50pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm, 9.10pm The Thin Red Line 8.20pm

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<u>CINEMA</u> REPERTORY

ICA CINEMA The Mail. SW1 (0171-930 3647) The Promise (NC) 5pm. 7pm. 9pm August in the Water (NC) 6.30pm, 8.45pm

ISLAMIC CENTRE Maida Vale, W9 (0171-604 5523) Love Stricken (NC) 5pm The Glazed Travel Agency (NC) 7.30pm

THE LUX CINEMA Howton Square N1 (0171-684 0201) La Chinoise (NC) 7pm British Sounds (NC) 9pm

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE South Bank, SET (0171-928 3232) The 4.15pm Le Confessional (15) 6.15pm Double Indemnity (PG) 6.20pm Saake Eyes (15) 7.30pm Frank Lloyd Wright (NC) 8.15pm Out of Sight (15) 8.40pm

PHOENIX CINEMA High Road N2 0181-444 6789 A Bug's Life (U) 1.30pm An Autumn Tale (U) 3.40pm, 8.50pm La Viza è Bella (PG) 6.10pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place WC2 (0171-437 8181) Antz (PG) 12noon Practical Magic (12) 1.55pm The Truman Show (PG) 4.10pm Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (18) 6.30pm There's Something About Mary (15) 9.10pm The Rocky Hor-ror Picture Show (15) 11.45pm

THE PULLMAN EVERYMAN Holly Bush Vale, NW3 (0171-606 2345) A Bug's Life (U) 2.30pm Night of the Hunter (15) 4.30pm 6.40pm, 8.45pm

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street. Brentford, Middx (0181-568 1176) A Bug's Life (U) 1.30pm Waking Ned (PG) 3.15pm, 5pm. 9pm Central Station (15) 7pm

DUKE OF YORK'S CINEMA (01273-602503) Aprile (12) 4.15pm, 8.45pm There's Something About Mary (15) 11.15pm

BRISTOL WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) Gods and Monsters (15) 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8.20pm Little Voice (15)

Shakespeare in Love (15) 12noon

7.10pm American History X (18) 3pm. 9.30pm Much Ado About Nothing (PG) 5pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-399666) The Mighty (PG) 6.15pm The Philadelphia Story (U) 6.15pm Festen (15) 7.30pm The Opposite of Sex (18) 8.30pm

CHICHESTER NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243-786650) The Truman Show (PG) 1.30pm Central Station (15) 4pm, 6.30pm This Year's Love (18) 9pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Shakespeare in Love (15) 5.30pm Class Trip (15) 8.15pm 54 (15) 11.15pm

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THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today: times and prices for the week: running times include intervals. ● — Seats at all prices ▶ — Seats at some prices ○ — Returns only Matiness — [1]: Sun. [3]: Tue. [4]: Wed, (5): Thur, (6): Fri, (7): Sat

AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama, Old Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-494 5372/cc 494 5372) BR/O Waterioo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 3pm, £7.50-£30, 180 mins.

• ANIMAL CRACKERS Stage version of the Marx Brothers classic. Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm. £9.50-£30.

DART Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship. Wyndham's Char-ing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) & Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7][1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50, 90 mins. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Fam-

ily musical based on Disney's cartoon fairy-tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 2.30pm. £18.50-£35. 150 mins. ● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Rus-

sell's long-running Liverpool musical. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) — Leic Scyfott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm. [7] 4pm, £11.50-£32.50. 165 mins. DBUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych. WC2 (0171-930 8800) ← Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thur 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm. Sat 5pm

 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£30.
 half price Fri mats. 160 mins. DCATS Lloyd Webber's musical New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) → Covent [3][7] 3pm. £10.50-£35. 165 mins.

CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broad-way musical. Adelphi Maiden Lane. WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [4][7] 3pm, £16-£36 (inc booking fee). 130 mins.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Co. last-forwards through 37 plays. Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ. Wed-Sat 8pm, [5] 3pm, [7] 5pm, [1] 4pm, £10-£25, 120 mins. D COPENHAGEN New drama from

WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) © Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7,30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-£30, 145 mins **DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN** Mark Little stars in this comedy about the sexes. Apolio Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) ↔ Proc

Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom. Duchess Catherine Street

Circ. Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri-Sat 6pm & 8.45pm, £5-£25, concs available. OR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals. London Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street. W6 (0171-416 6022) & Hammersmith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, ends 28 Aug, £12.50-£32.50, 150 mins.

GOOD Charles Dance in CP Taylor's deceptively humorous drama. Donmar Warehouse Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732) ⊕ Cove Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, 7pm, ends 22 May, £14-£22.

DIGREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Earlham Street. WC2 (0171-494 5080) Ocvent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50, 150 mins.

● GROSS INDECENCY: THE THREE TRIALS OF OSCAR WILDE Michael Pennington and William Hoyland in Moises Kaufman's drama, Glelgud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 2.30pm, £7.50-£29.50.

 AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) ↔ Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 5pm, £12-£29.50, 110 mins.

MACBETH Starting Rufus Sewell and Sally Dexter. Queen's Shaftes Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm, ends 5 June, £10.50-£28.50, 140 mins.

MAMMA MIA! New musical abut a mother's reflections on her daugh-ter's impending wedding day. Prince Edward Old Compton Street, W1 (0171-447 5400) & Leic Sq. Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 3pm.

THE MEMORY OF WATER ALIson Steadman and Stella Gonet star in this comedy about sisters returning home for their mother's funeral. Vaudeville Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR-@ Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm, [5][7] 3pm, £8-£27.50, 120 mins.

O LES MISÉRABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hugo, Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) ← Picc Grc. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm. £7-£35. 195 mins

MISS SAIGON Musical which re-sets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-00) EDGE CO. Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £8.50-£35.

THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's long running whodumit. St Martin's West Street. WC2 (0171-836 1443) ← Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 2.45pm, [7] 5pm, £10-£24.50, 135 mins.

DOKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stors in Radgers and Hammerstein's musical Lyceum Wellington Street, WC2 (0870-606 3446) & Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 2.30pm, ends 26 June. £10-£35, 180 mins.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majescy's Hay-market. SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) → Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7 45pm. [4][7] 3pm. £10-£35. 150 mins.

THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason star in Neil Simon's comedy. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket. SW1 (0171-930 8800) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm. £10-£32.50.

• RENT New York-set musical in-PRENT New York-set musical inspired by La Boheme. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue. WC2 (07000-211221) — Holborn/Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins. ROVAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

THE BARBICAN: The Lion, The

Witch and The Wardrobe Adrian

Noble directs the CS Lewis classic In rep. tonight 7.15pm, ends 8 May ● THE PIT: Roberto Zucco Drama inspired by a wanted poster written by Koltes. In rep, tonight 7.15pm, ends 1 May. Barbican Theatre: £5-£26. The Pit: £11-£18.50. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) BR/& Barbican.

ISACRED HEART Two friends struggle to come to terms with their pasts bassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ⊕ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7pm, ends Apr 24. £10, concs £5.

) SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring songs by the Bee Gees. London Palladium Argyll Street. W1 (0171-494 5020) ⊕ Ox-ford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50. 135 mins.

• SHOCKHEADED PETER Junk opera, featuring the Tiger Lillies.

Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6
0 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [7] 2.30pm. ends 10 Apr. £5-£18.

• SLAVA'S SNOWSHOW Slava

Polounine returns to London. Pic-cadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm. £10-£27.50. STARLIGHT EXPRESS Hi-tech roller-musical. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/\(\Theta\) Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins.

TRUST Gary Mitchell's explosive drama. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ← Leic Sq. Tonight 9pm, ends Apr 3, £10, concs £5.

I THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama examines ideas of ghosts and mania examines ideas in gibsis and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's) St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ⊕ Le-ic Sq/Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3.30pm, £5-£25. 90 mins.

D WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's classic musical Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987) + Leic Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5][7] 3pm, £18.50-£35. 160 mins.

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical. Aldwych Aldwych. WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) ⊕ Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50. 120 mins.

O THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2238/cc 344 4444) & Covent Garden/Holborn. E8.50-£23.50. 110 mins.

THEATRE **BEYOND THE WEST END**

ARTS THEATRE Howard Crabtree's When Pigs Fly Gay musical comedy poking fun at American culture. Tue-Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm & 8.30pm, Sun 6pm. ends 3 Apr. £20-£25 concs £15. Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 3334/cc 741

9999) O Leicester Square. KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON Gob Jason Orange stars in this comic at-8pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 18 Apr. £12-£14. concs £9. Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916) & An-

gel/Highbury & Islington. LYRIC STUDIO 400 Jokes with the Devil Tragi-comedy about one man's failed attempt to make an epic film about Mexico. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, ends 17 Apr. £9, concs £5. Mon - all seats £5. King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311) & Hammersmith.

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Blood Knot Athol Fugard's lucid drama examine: the issues in apartheid and racism. Tue-Sun 7.45pm, ends 25 Apr. £10. concs £6. Crisp Road, W6 (0181-237

TRICYCLE THEATRE Up Against The Wall New black musical com-plete with huge afros. Mon-Fri 8pm. piete with huge atros. Won-P1 spm. Sat 8.15pm. mats Sat 4.15pm. 30 Mar. 2pm. ends 17 Apr. £8-£13.50. Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) ⊕ Kilburn.

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

BARNSTAPLE OUEEN'S THEATRE Bing-Bong Dennis Waterman and Patrick Mower star in Keith Waterhouse's comedy. Mon, Tue. Thur-Sat. 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, ends 3 Apr. £11-£14.50. Boutport Street (01271-324242)

the rich... and that's it". Who's In It? Teeming with fashionable

The debut feature from Jake Scott, the

now hoping to shrug off the 'son of

Ridley' tag. It is essentially an 18th-

century swashbuckler, but this time the

wigs, breeches and corsets have been

updated with the addition of hard-hitting

techno beats and technical wizardry as

the eponymous dandy highwaymen

team up to relieve the aristocracy

poster line says it all: "They rob

of their riches. Plotwise, the

33-year-old British video director who is

THEATRE ROYAL The Dispute Marivaux's quasi-scientific drama Tue-Sat 8pm, mat Thur 4pm, ends 3 Apr. E7.50-E14.50, concs available. Bond Street (01273-328488)

acting talent: Plunkett

Carlisle (right) and

and Macleane are

played by Robert

What is it?

ALMA TAVERN Marriage Gogol's comedy about a young man who has everything except a soulmate. Tue-Fri 9pm, Sat 7pm & 9pm, ends 3 Apr. £4. Alma Vale Road (07020-980980)

HIPPODROME THEATRE Phantom of the Opera Andrew Lloyd Webber's huge hit musical. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 22 May. £10-£30, concs available, St Augustines Parade (0117-929 9444)

THEATRE ROYAL The Price Compelling drama about two estranged brothers, each of whom carries a burning truth which neither have dared face: now they must pay the price. Mon-Wed 7.30pm. Thur-Sat 8pm, mats Thur & Sat 2,30pm, ends 10 Apr. £3-£19, concs available. King Street (0117-987 7877)

NEW THEATRE Smokey Joe's Cafe The rock n'roll hit-makers celebrated in a musical revue that include "Tailhouse Rock", Mon-Thur 7,30pm 7.30pm, ends 3 Apr £9-£21, concs available. Park Place (01222-878889)

HORNCHURCH

QUEEN'S THEATRE Misery Stage adaptation of Stephen King's notohorror story. Mon-Sat 8pm. ends 10 Apr. £8.50-£12.50, concs £5.50-£7.50. Billet Lane (01708-443333)

WOLSEY THEATRE The Glass Menagerie Tennessee Williams's por-trait of a laded Southern belle. Tue-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 3 Apr. £5-£14, concs available, Civic Drive (01473-253725)

WATERMILL THEATRE Dangerous Corner JB Priestley's thriller about a suicide which is not all it seems. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 8 May. £6-£16.50. Bagnor (01635-46044)

NORTHAMPTON Shane Richie stars in a new 1970s musical. Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri & Sat 6pm & 9pm, ends 3 Apr. £9.50-£18.50, concs available. Guildhall

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE Loot Michael Elphick and Letitia Dean star. Mon-Thur 2.30pm, Sat 5pm, ends 3 Apr. £9-£11.50, concs available. Embank-ment Road (01733-552439)

POOLE ARTS CENTRE Hushabye Mountain Jonathan Harvey's new play in the twin settings of Heaven and Earth. Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, ends 3 Apr. £7.50-£11.50. Kingland Road (01202-685222)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE** A Midsummer Night's Dream Star-ring Josette Simon and Nicholas Tonight 7.30pm, ends 9 Oct.

E5-E39. Waterside (01789-295623) SWAN THEATRE Volpone Mal colm Storry plays the avaricious hero. Tonight 7,30pm, ends 9 Oct. E5-£36. Waterside (01789-295623)

PALACE THEATRE The Late Middle Classes Harold Pinter directs Simon Gray's study of family conflict. Mor Thur 7.45pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, ends 10 Apr. £4-£15.75, concs available rendon Road (01923-225671)

THEATRE ROYAL Shirley Valentine Willy Russell's comedy about a bored housewife who finds love on a Greek island. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thur 2.30pm, Sat 4.45pm, ends 3 Apr. £6-£25. concs available. Thames Street (01753-853888)

WORTHING
CONNAUGHT THEATRE And Ther There Were None Agatha Christie's whodunnit set in a lonely house or a remote island. Mon-Sat 7.30pr mats Wed & Sat 2pm, ends 3 Apr. £5.50-£10.50, concs available. Union Place (01903-235333)

BOX OFFICE

Now Booking GRAMMY WINNER Elvis Costello (below), who first shot to fame on the back of the burgeoning new wave movement in the Seventies, tours the UK in April. Royal Albert Hall. London SW7 (0171-589



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Last Chance to Book IN TURGENEV'S A Month in the Country, Nataya Petrovna strives to fight temptation and the passion she feels for her son's tutor.

Starring Catherine Walker and Sara Stewart

(below) and directed by Michael Attenborough.



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Armageddon - sporting the now de rigueur British accent. Ken Stott, Michael Gambon. Alan Cumming and even Shooting Stars' George Dawes put in an appearance.

Trainsporting's Begbie and Sick Boy.

while love interest is provided in the

Aerosmith's Steve, star of blockbuster

form of Liv Tyler - daughter of

Jonny Lee Miller, reuniting

THE INFORMATION ON

What They Say About It This thing stands, just about, but it doesn't deliver" Anthony Quinn, The Independent, "It's Lock, Stock and two eighteenth-century Smoking Barrels" Charles Gant, Heat. "Anachronisms rip huge holes in an



James Christopher, The Times. "Less Tom Jones for the rave generation than a kind of Adam Ant highwayman movie for those too young to remember. him and his looks" Xan Brooks, The Big Issue.

Where You Can See It Opens today at cinemas nationwide. BEATRICE HODGKIN

EXHIBITIONS

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC 50-CIETY For Most of It I Have No Words: Simon Norfolk Photographs from sites of 20th-century genocide. Mon-Sun 9 30am-5.30pm, ends 6 Jun. £2 50, concs £1 75. The Octagon Gallenes, Milsom Street (01225-462841)

THEATR BRYCHEINIOG The Poems of Jules Laforgue: Patrick Caulfield Prints by the Pop Artist, based on the work of the French poet. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 18 Apr. free Canal Wharf (01874-611622)

ARNOLFINI Accelerator International group of contemporary artists.
including Hilary Lloyd. Ako Sasao and Suzy Spence, Mon-Sat 10am-7pm. Sun 12noon-opm, ends 5 Apr. free. Narrow Quay (0117-929 9191)

KETTLE'S YARD Bob Law Influ-ential artist's drawings, paintings and sculpture. Tue-Sat 12.30pm-5 30pm. Sun 2pm-5.30pm. ends 25 Apr. free. Castle Street (01223-352124)

EXETER ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MU-SEUM The Art of Hilda Carline: Mrs Stanley Spencer The first major ex-hibition dedicated to the paintings of Spencer's first wife. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. ends 3 May, free. Queen Street (01392-265858)

HAYWARD GALLERY Patrick Caulfield More than 50 colourful paintings by the leading British artist. Mon. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm. Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Apr E6. concs £4. family £12. Belvedere Road SE1 (0171-960 4242)

NATIONAL GALLERY Portraits by Ingres Major exhibition of paintings and drawings by the 19th century French artist. Mon. Tue. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-10pm. ends 25 Apr. £6, concs £4, Wed £4 7pm-10pm.

7pm-10pm.
Rogier Van Der Weyden in the Na-tional Gallery Paintings by the 15thcentury Dutch artist, Mon, Tue, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-9pm, ends 4 Jul. free. Trafalgar Square WC2 (0171-747 2885) → Charing Cross/Leicester Square

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY Millais: Portraits Retrospective of paintings by the Pre-Raphaelite artist. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 6 Jun. £4. concs £3. St Martins Place WC2 (0171-306 0055) Charing Cross.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eighty paintings. Mon-Thur. Sun 9am-6pm, Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr. E9. concs £6, child (12-18) £3, child (8-11) £1.50. Burlington Hous Piccadilly W1 (0171-300 8000/413 1717) & Green Park.

TATE GALLERY Jackson Pollock Major painting retrospective. Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 6 Jun. £7.50. concs £5. family £19 (Firstcall 0870-842 2233 + £1.60 bkg fee). Millbank SW1 (0171-887

8000) • Pimlico. VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM The Arts of the Sikh Kingdoms Exhibition exploring 300 years of Sikh heritage. Mon-Sun 10am-5.45pm, wnds 25 Jul. E5, concs E3, UB40/disabled/mems/after 4.30pm free. Cromwell Road SW7 (0171-938 8441) & South Kensington.

NORWICH NORWICH ARTS CENTRE India 50 Working People: Sebastiao Salgado Internationally acclaimed photographer portrays the reality of Indian life. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 11amends 8 Apr. free. Reeves Yard, St Bene-

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Buddhist Art from Tibet: The EM Scratton Collection Extensive collection notable for its diversity. Ends 2 May, free From Cozens to Palmer colours selected from the mu permanent collection. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, ends 27 Jun. free. Beaumont Street (01865-278000)

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART James Casebere New works by the American photographer. Somewhere Else: Willie Doherty New video installation. Tue-Sun 11am-6pm (Thur to 9pm), ends 4 Apr. £2.50 (free Wed morn & Thur eve), concs £1.50, child free. Pem-broke Street (01865-722733)

JOHN HANSARD GALLERY Post-cards on Photography Paintings and sculpture examining photogra-phy in its absence. Tue-Fri 11am-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, ends 11 Apr, free. The University (01703-592158)

ST IVES TATE GALLERY Quoit Montserrat: Veronica Ryan Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montserrat in the West Indies, the artist's birthplace. Ends 11 Apr. mages of Portmeor Beach: Lubaina Himid Work in progress by the resident artist. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm. Sun 11am-5pm, ends 18 Apr. E3.50. concs £2. Porthmeor Beach (01736-796226)

CLASSICAL

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BARBICAN HALL City of London Sinfonia/Kraemer JS Bach's St Matthew Passion. Today 6pm. £7-£25. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) O Moorgate/Barbican.

ST JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE Polyphony/Layton Joined by Can-zona in Bach's St John Passion. Today 2.30pm. £10-£35. Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061) @ West-

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Orchestra of the Joyful Compa-ny/Broadbent Handel's Messich from the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year. Tonight 7.45pm. £6.50-£19. South Bank Centre, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

OPERA

WILTON'S MUSIC HALL The Silver Lake Staging of Kurt Weill by Broomhill Opera conducted by Charles Hazlewood. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 18 Apr. £15 & £20. Grace's Alley. £1

DANCE

CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE Stomp Eight dynamic performers create a witty and unusual rhythmic symphomy. 2 & 3 Apr. 4pm & 8pm. £10-£22.50, concs available. Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

PLACE THEATRE Aletta Collins Dynamic double bill. 2 & 3 Apr. 8pm. £10, concs £7. Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031) Euston.

RICHMOND THEATRE English National Ballet: Tour de Force Diverse extracts from five distinctive and exciting ballets. 2 & 3 Apr., 7.45pm. £10-£18. The Green, Richmond, Surrey (0181-940 0088) ⊕ Richmond.

COMEDY

BOURNEMOUTH KEN DODD - THE HAPPINESS SHOW AT PAVILION THEATRE Ticktick merriment with the Diddyman. 2-4 Apr. 7.30pm. £10.50-£12.50. Westover Road (01202-456456)

BOB DOWNE - MILLION SELLERS AT THE COURTYARD High camp and high kicks from the crooning superstar. Tonight 8pm. £12. concs

BOUND & GAGGED AT THE FOX AT BOUND & GAGGED AT THE FOX An extended set from Ricky Grove us Rudi Lickwood, Ian Moore and MC Jeff Indocent. Tonight 9.15pm. £6, concs £4. Green Lanes N13 (0171-483 3456) BR: Palmers Green.

THE COMEDY STORE The Best in Stand-Up with Kevin McCarthy, Terry Alderton, Vic Henley and John Gordillo, plus MC Tim Clark. Tonight 8pm & 12midnight. E12, concs E7 late show only. Oxendon Street, SW1 (0171-344 0234) JONGLEURS CAMDEN With Tony

Morewood, Reginald Hunter, king of the surreal one-liners Milton Jones.

Simon Fox, and Perrier nomin Ed Byrne. Tonight 8.15pm. £12, concs £8. Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (0171-564 2500) ← Camden Town. SWINDON CRAIG CHARLES AT WYVERN CRAIG CHARLES AI WIVERN THEATRE Red Durarf and Robol Wars star performs solo stand-up for adults only. Tonight 8pm. £11.50, concs £9.50. Theatre Square

(01793-524481) **CLUBS**

BRIGHTON PUSSYCAT CLUB AT THE ZAP CLUB Easter special with with Dan-ny Rampling joining the residents. Tonight 10.30pm-4am, £9, NUS E8, mems £7, £6 before 10.45pm. Kings Road Arches (01273-202407)

FRIDAY AT THE HIPPO CLUB Starring Luke Neville and Jon The Dentist. Tonight 9.30pm-late. Penarth Road (01222-341343). E10. concs £7 PRIMAL AT THE SCALA Techno and

more from Colin Dale, Terry Fran-cis, Nathan Cole, Marco Carola and Adam Beyer Tonight 10.30pm-6am, Pentonville Street, N1 (0171-833 2022) & King's Cross/St Pancras, £15, £12 before 11.30pm. THE PHUTURE AT THE IMPERIAL GARDENS Techno from Dave Clarke and Luke Slater, house from Russ Gabriel and electronica from

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DOLL, DOLL'S HOUSE AND MINIA-TURES FAIR A world in miniature for the avid collector. Woodville Halls Windmill Street (01474-337459/60) Today 10am-4pm, prices vary.

LONDON
ILLUMINATION WORKSHOP Create an Easter card with a medieval design. Museum Of London London Wall EC2 (0171-600 3699/0807) OB BarbicarySt. Paul's. 2 & 3 Apr. 12pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm, free with usual admission (£5, concs £3).

ZIPPO'S CIRCUS Complete with clowning, acrobatics, serial artists and the beautiful Palomino horses. Shooters Hill SE3 (07050-121416) BR: Blackheath. Today 5pm & 7.30pm, ends 13 Apr. £5.50-£12. child £3.50-£10.

MUSIC

BRIGHTON BIS Social Dancing album tour for the feisty indie popsters. Pavillon Theatre New Road (01273-709709). Tonight 8pm. £6.

CARDIFF MEAT LOAF Performing tracks from the current Greatest Hits album. May be postponed due to ill-ness, phone to confirm. Cardiff In-ternational Arena Mary Ann Street. Butetown (01222-224488). Tonight

OCEAN COLOUR SCENE Retrostyled indie rockers from the Paul Weller finishing school. Hereford Leisure Centre Holmer Road (01432-278178) Tonight 8pm. £17.

THE GODFATHERS No-nonsense,

sharp-suited rockers return after a

quiet spell. Mean Fiddler Harlesden

HEREFORD

High Street NW10 (0181-961 5490) BR: Willesden Junction. Tonight 9pm. £2 before 11pm. STEPS Chart dance-pop quintet perform their hits 5-6-7-8 and Tragedy. Shepherd's Bush Empire Shep-

herd's Bush Green W12 (0171-771 2000) 🗢 Shepherd's Bush. Tonight 8pm, £14,50. HOWARD JONES Synth-pop star

tours the album, People. Bran Bridge Street (01582-749444). Tonight 8pm, phone for prices. MARGATE SUZI QUATRO, ALVIN STARDUST.

THE RUBETTES Triple-decker 1970s nostalgia tour. Winter Gardens Fort Crescent (01843-292795) Tonight 8pm. £13.50-£15. PORTSMOUTH ROGER TAYLOR The Queen drum-

mer tours his recent solo album. Elec-tric Fire. Pyramids Centre Clarence

Esplanade (01705-799977) Tonight

ERROL BROWN Ex-Hot Chocolate vocalist on his Still Sexy tour. Princess Theatre Torbay Road (01803-290290) Tonight 8pm. phone for prices.

MUSIC JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK BOXFORD

CLAIRE MARTIN QUINTET As-sured urbane songstress with pianist Gareth Williams and Nigel Hitchcock on sax. Boxford Fleece Jazz Club Broad Street (01787-210247) Tongi-ht 8.30pm. £8.

THE ALBION BAND Ashley Hutchings' acclaimed contemporary folk group. Ashcroft Arts Centre Osborn Road (01329-310600) Apr 2, 8pm. phone for prices. MAIDSTONE

JUST EAST OF JAZZ Saxist Jeremy Shoham crafty modern jazz Jewish Klezmer hybrid. Pizza Express Earl Street ME (01622-683548) Tonight 8.15pm £7.50

ANNIE ROSS Star or the Broattway stage, here in cabaret, Pizza on the Park Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) © Hyde Park Corner, Tonight 9.15pm & 11.15pm, ends 10 Apr. £20, £18 in adv.

bop bass guitarist. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747:cc 0171-439 0747) ⊕ Lecester Square. Tonight 9pm & 11 30pm, ends 3 Apr. £20, mems £8 6000) & Oval. £10, concs/mems £8 before 12midnight, £7 before 11pm.

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STEVE SWALLOW Legendary post-Swayzak Tonight 10pm-6am, Camberwell New Road, SE5 (0171-252

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J-LIFE Ex-Tomorrow's Warriors led
by saxist Jason Yarde and singer
Julie Dexter. Jazz Café Parkway
NW1 (0171-916 6060) ⊕ Camden
Town Tonight 9pm £10, £8 in adv NELSON RANGELL Heavyweight fu-

n sax from GRP recording artist.

Tottenham Court Road. Tonight 9pm. ends 4 Apr £15. ANNIE ROSS Star of the Broadway

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FRIDAY RADIO

(976-998MHz FM) 6.30 Zoe Ball 9.00 Kevin Greening. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat, 6.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection. 9.00 Judge Jules. 11.00 Westwood - Radio 1 Rap Show. 2.00 Fabio and Groovender. 4.00 - 7.00 Emma B.

RADIO 2 (88-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Songs of the Century with Paul Gambaccini. See Pick of the Day. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.00 Des Lynam. 7.00 The Michael Feinstein Songbook - Turns Another Page. 7.30 Friday Night Is Music Night. 9.15 John le Carre's Single and Single. 9.30 Stainer's Crucifixion.

10.30 Sheridan Morley, 11.45 The People's Psalms. 12.00 Lynn Parsons. 4.00 - 6.00 Jackie Bird RADIO 3

(90.2-92.4MHz FM) **6.00** On Air. 9.00 Masterworks 10.30 Artist of the Week 11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Composer of the Week: Reger. With Misha Donat. String Trio in A minor, Op 77b (Larghetto). Vien-na Trio. Schlichte Weisen (excerpts). Hermann Prey (baritone), Gunther

Weissenborn (piano). Variations and Fugue on a Merry Theme of Hater. Bavarian RSO/Colin Davis. 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Borodin Quartet. Beethoven: String Quartet in B flat, Op 130

(Grosse Fuge). 1.50 Bach's St John Passion, Chris de Souza introduces a concert given yesterday as part of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment's residency at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Rachel Elliott (soprano), Michael Chance (countertenor), Mark Padmore (tenor), Michael George and Stephen Varcoe (basses), Chorus and Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment/Gustav Leonhardt, Bach: St John Passion

4.00 Music Restored. 4.45 Music Machine. 5.00 in Tune. With Sean Rafferty, including Stamitz's Oboe Quartet in D. Op 8, performed by Terzetto and Paul Goodwin (oboe) 6.00 Performance on 3. Wagner's fi-

nal music drama, in the moving new

6.00 The incredible Journey (1963)

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Matilda (1996) (3647). **6.00** Mission impossible (1995) (53937). **8.00** Batman and

Robin (1997) (58482). 10.00 The Ginner

Man (1996) (148444). **11.40** The Crow: City of Angels (1996) (193314). **1.15** Home for

the Holidays (1995) (103883), 3.00 The Deliverance of Elaine (1996) (54864), 4.30 -

6.00 Narrow Escape (1997) (53796).

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Ten (9937). **8.00** Action Heroes (2918). **8.30** Movie Magic (4753). **9.00** Intensity (1997) (377005). **12.00** Sudden Impact

3.35 Adam: His Sono Continues (1986)

4.00 Pony Express (1953) (7627937). **6.00** Jesus Christ Superstar (1973)

(2908078). 8.00 Revenge of the Pink Partitler (1978) (7958573). 10.00 Whols Afraid of Virginia Woolf? (1966) (86191531). 12.10

Big Bounce (1969) (411/067), 2.00 Lucky Me (1954) (5808749), 3.45 Obsession

6.00 The Scant of Green Papaya (1993)

of the Day, 2.10 Like Water for Chocolate

4.25 - 6.00 Jamon Jamon (1992) (1430203). See Pick of the Day.

Rides (8132753), 10.00 Sky Truckers

(3448192). 12.00 One Way Ticket to Sirius

(8135840). **11.00** Weapons of War

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

(1948) (7331425), 5.20 Close.

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(1983) (16845). 2.00 Fear (1990) (999338).

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PICK OF THE DAY

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5.57 Weather

of 'A Suitable Boy', one of the

longest and most popular novels of

and his new novel, 'An Equal Music',

7.45 High Days, Holy Days. A selec-

tion of readings for Easter, 5: Good

Friday. New clothes, hot cross buns.

the 90s, speaks about his career

a tale of lost love set in London.

hiding away in a monastery and

friends for tea, as related by Vera

Brittain, Boswell, Kilvert and Virginia

Woolf. Read by Charlotte Cornwell,

8.00 NEWS; Any Questions?. Nick

Denvs Hawthome, Kathryn Hunt,

Leo McKern and Leslie Phillips.

Clarke is joined in Colne, Lan-

Fox, Theresa May and Alex

Salmond MP.

cashire, by Ron Davis MP, Claire

8.45 Letter from America. Alistair

Cooke with another slice of Ameri-

9.00 NEWS; The Friday Play: Miss-

ing the Melody. By Karen Hope. An

examination of sound told from the

perspective of a woman who is pro-

foundly deaf. Lucy, a gifted violinist,

became deaf in her early teens.

Now, 15 years later, she awaits the

result of an operation which will re-

COMPILING SMUG end-of-the- Seven Last Words (3pm R4), century overviews before the Cardinal Basil Hume (right) leads century has ended looks like a meditation on Christ's last tempting fate. Songs of the words on the cross. Century with Paul Gambaccini (12noon R2), presented over the Easter weekend, is courting not iust fate but bad taste. Radio 2 and sales figures have determined this chart-of-charts.

In Good Friday Liturgy - The

English National Opera production

der and featuring a stunning all-

(Kundry), Gwynne Howell, bass

British cast. Kim Begley, tenor

by Nikolaus Lehnhoff, conducted by

(Parsifal), Kathryn Harries, soprano

(Gurnemanz), Jonathan Summers,

9.05 Postscript. Twenty-five years

after W H Auden's death, poets and

critics reassess his poetry and make a personal selection of read-

11.00 Glenn Gould. The great Cana-

dian pianist plays music written for

the virginals by Byrd and Gibbons.

11.30 Jazz Century. Russell Davies

13: 'Handful of Keys' focuses on the

work of pianists Earl Hines and Art

12.00 Composer of the Week:

Schubert. (R) 100 - 6.00 Through the Night.

6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Desert Island Discs.

11.00 NEWS; Journey into Space.

2.15 Afternoon Play: J Edgar Hoover

10.00 NEWS: Woman's Hour.

12.00 NEWS; You and Yours.

RADIO 4

(92.4-94.6MHz FM)

9.45 Serial: Pitate.

1L30 Married

12.57 Weather.

Public Enemy.

1.00 The World at One.

2.00 NEWS: The Archers

1.30 Puzzie Panel.

presents a 52-part history of jazz.

baritone (Amfortas), ENO Chorus and Orchestra/Mark Elder. Part 1.

See Pick of the Day.

ings (5/5). (R) **9.25** Parsifal, part 2.

ENO's former music director Mark El-

Performance on 3 (6pm R3) provides a chance to hear the ENO production of Wagner's final great work Parsiful. Kim listeners, music industry insiders Begley stars as the fool upon whom the hopes of the Knights of the Holy Grail rest.

DOMINIC CAVENDISH



3.00 NEWS; Good Friday Liturgy store her hearing. But will her memothe Seven Last Words. See Pick of ries and expectations match reality? With Emma Fielding and Richard 3.30 Rigby's Red Herrings. (R) Hope. Director Cathryn Horn. (R) 10.00 The World Tonight. With 3.45 This Sceptred Isle. 4.00 NEWS; Open Book.

Robin Lustig. 4.30 The Message. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: My Mother's House. Janet Suzman concludes her reading of Colette's 6.00 Six O'Clock News. memoir. Colette remembers her 6.30 The News Quiz. mother's defiant encounters with 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. aceing and death. (R) 7:15 Front Row. Vikram Seth, author

11.00 NEWS; Late Tackle. Entertaining sports discussion and features, with Eleanor Otroyd and guests. 1L30 Nowhere to Hide. A montage dissecting the solit-second world of the boxer via the prose of Joyce Carol Oates's classic study, 'On Boxing'. With the voices of boxers Chris Eubank and Duke MacKenzie: referee Larry O'Connell; ringside doctor Adrian Whiteson; and boxing fan Kerry Shale. Expert commentary from Harry Carpenter. 12.00 News.

12.30 The Late Book: Age of Aus-

12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 Leisure Update. 5.56 - 6.00 Weather.

RADIO 4 LW (198kHz)

9.45 - 10.00 An Act of Worship. 12.00 - 12.04 News Headlines: Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast.

4.55 The Friday Match. 7.00 News Extra.

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00 Breakfast.

9.00 Brian Hayes.

2.00 Early Drive

11.55 Super Léague.

1693, 909kHz MW)

7.30 Alan Green's Sportsnight, Alan Green and his studio guests discuss the week's sporting issues and look ahead to the Easter weekend's fixtures. Plus full commentary on Aston Villa v West Harn in the Premiership. 10.00 Late Night Live. Insight and comment on the day's big issues with Brian Hayes, Including Papertalk. 10.30 Sport. 11.00 News. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 1.00 Up All Night 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

CLASSIC FM (1000-1019MHz FM) 6.00 Michael Fanstone. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick, 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. Schutz: Easter Historia. Stuttgart Chamber Choir, Musica Fiata Koln, Stuttgart Baroque Orchestra/Frieder Bemius. Haydn: The Seven Last Words. Delme Quartet. 11.00 Alan

Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 - 6.00

Mark Griffiths. VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6.30 Russ Williams, 9.30 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 7.00 Wheels of Steel. 11.00 Janey Lee Grace. 2.00 - 6.00 James Merritt.

(198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 Science in Action. 1.55 My Century. 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Meridian (Books). 3.00 The World Today. 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45

Insight. 4.00 The World Today. 4.20 Sports Rounduo. 4.30 Weekend. 5.00 The World Today. 5.30 - 6.00 People and Politics. TALK RADIO 6.00 David Banks and Paul Ross.

9.00 Scott Chisholm and Sally James. 12.00 Motoring, 1.00 Anna Raeburn. 3.00 OK to Talk. 5.00 The SportZone. 8.00 Nicky Horne's Access All Areas. 10.00 James H Reeve. 1.00 - 6.00 Mike Dickin.

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6.00 Tiny and Crew (76392579), 6.25

Tiny Tales (91071956), 6.45 Babaloos

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Last of the Summer Wine (7975918). 8.20

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Misty for Me (1971) (8514406). 3.00 - 7.00

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

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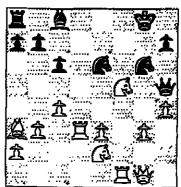
ALTHOUGH THE the first international tournament in London in 1851 was a knockout, this format was fairly soon supplanted by all-play-alls and later Swisses, and came back into favour only a decade or so ago. fuelled by a press demand for clearcut results and the chess public's taste for blood.

A totally new event, the Red Bus Knockout, starts today at Southend Civic Centre alongside the traditional Southend Easter Congress, now in its 43rd edition. It is sponsored by Redbus Investments, which was founded by Cliff Stanford in May last year after his earlier company, the massively successful Demon Internet, was bought by Scottish Power, and brings together 16 of the top British players with each round consisting of two games at the rate of two hours each for all moves, followed if necessary by blitz play-offs.

Subject to any late withdrawals the first round draw which pits 1 vs 9, 2 vs 10 etc in rating order is: Miles us Plaskett, myself us Ward, Emms vs Andrew Ledger, Lalic vs Nicholas Pert, Chandler vs McNab. Davies us Levitt, King us Pein and Rowson vs Ruth Sheldon, Play takes place from today until Easter Monday, with rounds starting at 10am and 3.30pm.

Whilst all pairings may be equal some are less equal than others and Miles and Plaskett in particular must have mixed feelings about renewing their often bloody combat at such an early stage. In the game I've chosen, Plaskett, as always, goes full tilt for his opponent and in this case he made dramatic contact. But I could equally have adduced one in which the attack eventually veered off course and Miles emerged triumphant.

The dramatic queen sacrifice 17 fxg5 Ng6



with 18 Bxf5 - 18 Qb4 was sensible - was probably somewhat unsound but very hard to defend.

20 ...Qd8 was fine - not, eg 20 ...Qf8 21 Nxf7 Qxf7 22 Bxe6 Qxe6 23 Rd8+ Kg7 24 Bb2+ Ne5 25 Rff8 when White wins the house. But the obvious 21 ... Rxf5? proved disastrous - instead 21 ...RfB and if 22 Nxc8 Qxc8 23 Bxf8 Ngxf8 is good for Black.

Of course, not 22 ...Qxd3 23 Nh6 mate! But in the diagram 24 g4!! was suddenly murderous.

White: Jim Plaskett **Black: Tony Miles** Lugano Open 1986 **English Opening**

1 c4 e5 18 Bxf5 Bf8 2 e3 d6 19 Nxe4 Bxd6 3 Nc3 g6 20 Nxd6 Qd8! 4 g3 Bg7 21 Rd3 Rxf5? 22 Nxf5 Qxg5 5 Bg2 Ne7 23 h4 Qh5 (see 6 d4 0-0 7 Nge2 Nd7 diagram) 8 0-0 £5 24 g4!! Qxg4+ 9 dxe5 dxe5 25 Neg3 Qh3 10 b3 c6 26 Nh6+ Kg7 11 Ba3 Qe8 27 Nhf5+ Kf6 12 f4 e4 28 Nh5+ Ke5 13 Qd6 Rf7 29 Nfg3 NefB 14 Rad1 Nf8 30 Bb2+ Ke6 15 Rd2 Ne6 31 Ng7+ Ke7 16 Bh3 g5 32 Ba3+ 1-0

BRIDGE ALAN HIRON

"IF I had got the diamonds right. I would have made 12 tricks!" claimed South after going down in 3 no-trumps on this deal. "Um!" responded his partner. It was one of the most expressive "Ums" that I have ever heard, expressing mild interest and agreement combined with definite criticism from a player who would have preferred to have seen the rubber clinched to watching his partner speculate about overtricks.

South opened One Spade, North responded Two Clubs, and South rebid Two Diamonds, North explored with Two Hearts (the fourth suit) and South, who might have stressed his distribution. placed more importance on his double guard in hearts and jumped to 3 no-trumps against which West led ∵5.

Declarer won with his king and led &K but, of course, this was allowed to win. Next South tried a finesse of O J but, when this lost to the queen and a heart came back. it was all over. The defenders had no trouble with their discards and came to three hearts and A to join their diamond trick.

I like to think that my readers

Game all: dealer South North **♠**Q4 ♥J 10 9 ⊕A J 10 **♣QJ1098** West **East ♦**953 ♠KJ7 ¹708753 7643 ·082 **4.** A 7.4 **♣**6532 ◆A 10862 ^ A K ₹K7654 ₽K

would have spotted the way to ensure the contract but, if you have not seen the theme before, then tlike South) it simply may not occur to you. Play a diamond at trick three, certainly, but put on dummy's ace and lead a club - discarding TA from hand! If the defenders win and clear the hearts there are nine tricks with TJ affording an entry to the table while, if they do not play hearts, declarer can force an entry to dummy with \(\cap J10.\)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

THE FILMFOUR schedule tonight. Taiwanese master chef whose introduced by chefs Nigel Slater and Gordon Ramsey, is devoted to a culinary theme. The Scent of Green Papaya (6pm FilmFour), Tran Anh Hung's touching debut feature, tracks the fortunes of a young Vietnamese country girl who becomes the servant of a middle-class Saigon family during the 1950s. Eat Drink Man Woman (8pm), the bitter sweet Oscarnominated drama from Ang Lee

(right), centres on a widowed

daughters' romantic travails cause trouble. Delicatessen (10.10pm) is Jean-Pierre Jennet and Marc Caro's very black comedy about cannibalism. Satirising overconsumption La Grande Bouffe (12midn't) is followed by Alfonso Arau's Like Water For Chocolate (2.10am) a romance focussing on desire, and Bigas Lunas's Jamon Jamon (4.25am) which is an overthe-top sex farce. JAMES RAMPTON



(6487338), **1.00** Searching for Lost Worlds: Machu Picchu (6282390), **2.00** Close.

SKY ONE 7.00 Count Duckula (90127), 7.30 Grimmy (84444). **8.00** Earthworm Jim (79463). 8.30 Godzīla (78734). 9.00 Pokemon (92314), 9.30 The Simpsons (71078). 10.00 Shadow Raiders (67289), 10.30 Xena: Warrior Princess (65024), 11.30 Legend of the Hidden City (2011). 12-00 Tarzan: the Epic Adventure (26869). 1.00 Med about You (40668). 1.30 Jeopardy (21555), **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (68918). **3.00** Jenny Jones (31227), **4.00** Star Trek; Deep Space Nine (10734). **5.00** Star Trek; Voyager (5983). **6.00** Friends (4005). **6.30** Friends (8685). **7.00** The Simpsons (875)802). See Pick of the Day. 8.00 Est Drink Man Woman (1994) (38679043). See Pick of the Day. 10.10 Delicatessen (1990) (8995647). See Pick of the Day. 12.00 La Grande Bouffe (1973) (4052/932). See Pick (1902), 7.30 The Simpsons (4669), 8.00 Dating Hell (61956), 9.00 World's Greatest Hoaxes (41192), 10.00 Cops (51579), 11.00 Friends (11463), 11.30 Friends (855111). 12.15 Star Treic Voyager (8542154), 1.00 Law and Order (33661), 2.00 - 7.00 Long

(1992) (28599715). See Pick of the Day. SKY SPORTS 1 7.00 Sports Certire (8178983). 745 Foot-ball League Review (672579). 7.45 What a Weekend (664550). 8.45 You're on Sky Sports (7201005). 9.00 Futbol Mundal 4.00 Fishing Adventures (1124463). 4.30 A River Somewhere (1/20647). 5.00 Searching for Lost Worlds (6205734). 6.00 Wildlife SOS (1/34840). 6.30 Love in the (54753). 9.30 Aerobics (98685). 10.00 Wild (5363395). 7.30 Futureworld (1121376). Good Morning Sports Fans - Good Friday Special (78821). 12.00 Super League Wigan v St Helans (29043). 2.00 Basket **8.00** Outback Adventures (6215111). **8.30** Uncharted Africa (6201918), 9.00 Wild ball Manchester Giants vs Sheffield (75173). 4.00 F3 Racing (9956). 4.30 World Sport

vs St Helens (2173). 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (77192). 7.00 Football Special: Aston Villa vs West Ham (556685). 10.00 Sports Centre (86289), 11.00 Hold the Back Page (30647), 12.00 Sports Centre (50203). 1.00 Football Special: Aston Villa vs West Ham (97593), 2.30 Super League Wigan vs St Helens (69932). 3.30 Wrestling (66425), 5.30 - 6.00 Total Sport (95715) SKY SPORTS 2

7.00 Aerobics (2323983). 7.30 Sky Sports Centre (4018753). 7.45 Survival of the Fittest (3712395). **8.15** Formula Triree Racing (9869376). **8.45** Sky Sports Centre (940311), 9.00 The Rugby Club (8999482). 10.00 Motor Sport (9646444), 12.00 Ford Golf USA (3514869). 2.00 Golf Arnold Palmer - Golf's Heart and Soul (8640024). 4.00 Futbol Municial (2544005). 4.30 Friday Night Football Crewe Alexandra vs Birmingham City (2830463), 7.00 Rugby Sevens: Fiji International Sevens (8923127). 9.00 Super League Wigan vs St Helens (864753), 10.00 Ford Golf USA (4592734), 12.00 Friday Night Football Crewe Alexandra vs Birmingham City (5295067). 1-00 Ruoby Sevens: Fill International Sevens (5031970). 3.00 Hold the Back Page (4251512), **4.00** Sky Sports Centre (6980203), **5.00** Moto-plus (5204715), **5.30** - **6.00** Extreme Saling (8954319).

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Transworld Sport (76534289). 1.00 Sports Unlimited (76543937), 2.00 Bobby Chartton's Footbell Scrapbook (90628208). 3.30 Extreme Salling (24232314). 4.00 In-

side the Senior PGA Tour (24211821) 4.30 Baseball May (58213869) 5.30 Mcto-Plus (24231685) 6.00 Golf Amold Palmer Golf's Heart and Soul (24238598), 6.30 inside the Senior PGA Tour (29412869), 8.00 Furtweiser Basketball Manchester Giants vs Sheffield (9365/192), 10.00 World Wrestling Federation Raw (436-48753). 12.00 Člose EUROSPORT

7.30 US PGA Golf Tour (93918), 8.30 Mad Masters Winter Games (65889) 9.00 Football (94579), 10.30 Racing Line (79622), **11.30** Swimming (41173) **2.30** Football (19227) **4.00** Tenns (12314), **5.30** Trial (66482), 6.30 Mad Masters Winter Games (5753), 7.00 Swimming (35294). 8.00 Tenns (18598) 9.30 Boxing (74005) 10.00 Bowing (65735) 11.00 Yoz Action (580+3). 12-00 Mad Masters Winter Games (89154), 12.30 Cicse. UK GOLD

7.00 Crossroads (3-31902), 7.30 Neighbours (7881802) 7.55 EastEnders (2897314), 8.30 The Bill (7461647), 9.00 The Bill (7485227), 9.30 The House of Elioti (1177734). 10.30 Rhoda (747411)) 11.00 Dallas (9513666) 11.55 Neighbours (45197598) 12.25 EastEnders (9662753) 1.00 Bugs (5329173), 2.00 Dallas (1954734), 2.55 The Bill (7266294) 3.25 The Bill (2696840) 3.55 EastEnders (3452276), 4.30 Rhoda (1122006), 5.00 All Creatures Great and Small (62)(7192) 6.00 Dynasty (5349937) 7.00 The Comedy Al-

Timy and Crew (8520395) 8.50 Practical Parenting (9857192), 9,00 Special Babies (3624043) 9.30 The Roseanne Show -Highlights (2202227) 10.00 The Jarry Springer Show (2702227) **10.50** Maury Powich (7545918). **11.40** The Heat is On (7)849024) 12:10 Through the Keyhole (36065483). 12.40 Rescue 911 (10049260). 1.10 Beyond Belief Fact or Fiction (98761821): 1.40 Maury Povich (6903937). 2.30 Film: The Day Christ Died (1980) (97140043) 5.10 The Heat is On (51689840) 5.40 Ready, Steady, Cook

> (3162602) 12.00 Close 9.00 WCW Nitro (65991753), 11.35 WCW Thunder (42735227) 1.30 Eve of the Devil ri967) (44819777) 3.00 Once a Thief (1965) (34984241) **5.00** Close

(9579116: 11.00 The Spicy Ser Files

(9844918), **6.15** The Jerry Springer Show (3871078) **7.05** Rescue 911 (1846181), **7.35**

Animal Rescue (4246956), 8.00 LA Law

(3358519) 9.00 Film: Saved by the Light

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Clueless (1444) 7.30 Grace under Fire (711) 8.00 Mad about You (2032). 8.30 Spin City (9227) 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey #9260) 9.30 Whose Line is It Anyway* (87579) 10.00 Film: Meatballs (1979) (189666). 11.45 Lancelot Link (793937) 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (58845) 1.00 It's Garry Shandling's Show (35067) 1.30 Nurses (72086) 2.00 Almost Perfect (51154) 2.30 Tibs and Fibs (30661) 3.00 Mork and Mindy (15203). 3.30 Abbott & Costello (54241). 4.00

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 SCOTLAND As BBC1 LONDON except: 1.25 Ugh Mor na Casige (The Big Easter Egg) (84195192).

BBC1 WALES As BBC1 LONDON except: 10.45 Just Up Your Street (451024). 11.20 Parkinson (973956). 12.10 The Word on the Street (4050319). 12.25 Film: Far and Away (35623999). 2.45 Joins BBC News 24 (24730512).

ANGLIA As Cariton except: 12.45 Shortland Street (831260). 5.45 Anglia News (473395). 11.20 Anglia News and Weather (734024). 11.35 Wonderful You (320840). 12.35 ITV at the Belfort Festival (6975777). 1.35 Film: Age of Treason: This original drama gives the age-old detective genre a new twist - by setting it in ancient Rome, Falco, an unlucky private detective, reluctantly takes on a case involving tracking down the missing son of an important senator. He and his partner Justus set out on an adven-

ture which sees them clashing with

devious priestesses, toothless undertakers and butch gladiators. (413932). 3.45 ClubaVision (4924154). 4.00 The Haunted Fishtank (39446636). 4.25 Soundtrax (72114390). 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (25486864). 5.00 Coro-nation Street (87319).

Special (8840), 5.00 Super League Wigan

CENTRAL As Carlton except: 12.45 Dinosaurs (831260). **5.15** Campus Cops (2687482). **5.40** Central News and Weather (212005). 11.20 Central News and Weather (482735). 11.30 Midnight Caller. Drama series about a cop turned late-night chat show host whose callers involve him in dramatic and dangerous situations. A convenience store owner misinterprets Jack's caution to protect himself and after killing a man blames Jack for giving him the idea. (878647). 4.00 Jobfinder (7452116). 5.20 Asian Eye

HTV WALES As Cariton except: 12.45 Wish You Were Here...? (831260). 5.15 Living a Bug's Life (2687482). 5.40 HTV News and Weather (212005). 11.20 HTV News and Weather (734024). 11.35 Wonderful You (320840). 12.35 ITV at the Beliort Festival (6975777). 1.35 Film: Age of Treason (413932). 3.15 ClubaVision (4924154). 4.00 The Haunted Fishtank (39446636), 4.25 Soundtrax (72114390). 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (25486864). 5.00 Coronation Street

HTV WEST As HTV Wales except: 12.45 Getaways (831260). MERIDIAN

As Carlton except: 12.45 Short-land Street (831260), 5.15 Meridian Tonight (473395), 11.20 Meridian News and Weather (734024). 11.35 Wonderful You (320840). 12.35 ITV at the Belfort Festival (6975777). 1.35 Film: Age of Treason (413932). 3.15 ClubaVision (4924154). 4.00 The Haunted Fishtank (39446636), 4.25 Soundtrax (72114390), 4.45 (TV Nightscreen (25486864), 5.00 Free-screen (87319).

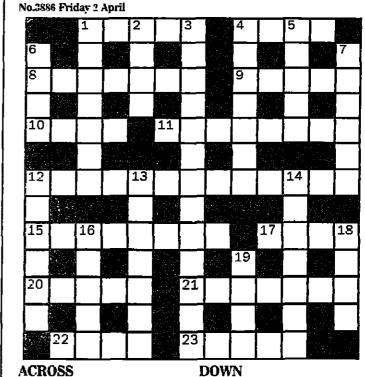
WESTCOUNTRY As Cariton except: 12.45 The Baidy Man (831260) 5.15 Westcountrv Live (473395). 11.20 Westcountry News (482735). 11.30 Film: St Elmós Fire (69328173). 1.35 Film: Age of Treason (413932). 3.15 Cluba Vision (4924154), 4.00 The Haunted Fishtank (39446636) 4.25 Soundtrax (72114390). 4.45 ITV Nightscreen (25486864). 5.00 Coronation Street

YORKSHIRE As Cariton except: 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather (74700640) 12.45 Emmerdale (831260) 5.15 Calendar (1777460) 5.20 Earth Matters (2684395) 11.20 Calendar News and Weather (482735). 11.30 Wonderful You (878647).

TYNE TEES As Yorkshire except: 5.15 Little Horrors, Little Darlings (2687482). 5.40 North East Tonight (212005) 11.20 North East News and Weather

As Channel 4 except: 11.50 Up the Creek (14147376), 12.40 The Three Stooges (42234376). 1.00 Planed Plant (69260802) 1.30 Film. Scott of the Antarctic (34432181). 4.30 Ricki Lake (99668647) 5.00 Planed Plant (41033260) **5.30** Count-down (99682227), **6.00** Newyddion (4916647) **6.10** Fy Newis I (36761918) **6.30** Mory Dick (99663192) **7.00** Popol y Cwm (41053024) 7.30 Newyddion (49712192) **7.45** Offeren O Fawl (64060460) **8.50** Y Clwb Rygbi (52109043), **9.20** Friends (57683289). 9.50 Ramsay's Boiling Point (56980208) 10.20 Brookside (51427956). 10.55 Frasier (81487550). 11.25 So Graham Norton (67893918) 12.05 TFI Friday (42626066) 1.15 4 Later Pulc (64344593) 1.30 4 Later Flava (23112135) 2.00 4 Later The Mcd Squad (21801512). 3.00 4 Later Vids (87187654) 3.30 Film The Howling TV reporter Dee Wallace finds a big surprise down in the woods Werewoves no less 1604586541 **5.05** Close

CONCISE CROSSWORD



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10 Show excessive love (4) 11 Lessen (8) 12 Places affording views (7,6) 15 Study session (8)

17 Sparkling wine (4) 20 Cuban dance 151

21 Swing (7) 22 Yearn (4) 23 Happening (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: M'ROSS: 1 Happened, 5 Ages (Appendages), 9 Tired, 10 Elastic, 11 Observable, 14 Senior citizen, 16 Disinherit, 20 Pfennig, 21 Disco, 22 Crew, 23 Synopsis, DOWN: 1 Hothouse, 2 Part song, 3 Elder, 4 Eye-catchingly, 6 Gate, 7 Sect, 8 Wallet, 12 Czarists, 13 Unrtuous, 15 Orient, 17 Hydro, 18 Epic, 19 Mere.

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TELEVISION REVIEW ROBERT HANKS

HONESTLY, LT'S like a dog with e programme-makers are aving to look for new twists get the punters in. One freetion they can take is more taborate formats, as with

resents some sort of cerne, and there is a hell of a siggiling to put up with. This sharne, because beneath the

with hardboard. Volla – smart and functional television! Somehow, I don't see this happening. Meanwhile, NYPD Blue (C4).

BBC

9 News; Weather; Regional News (5) Spot (8440822), 7.40 Sparky's Magic Plar 8.30 The Silver Brumby (29444), 9.00 in: Eye (7353550), 9.25 The Midas Touch (73 Teletubbies (7397937), 10.20 The World o and Friends (5) (8787531), 10.55 News; R Weather (T) (9306395), 11.00 The Shadow (5192), 12.00 The People's Passion (1956) News; Weather, Regional News (74702208) Battersea Dogs' Home (84191378), 1.25 Ne (84195192).

US). Eightles high-school kid Michael J Fox is transported back to the 1950s, when his parents were 17-year-olds, by a modified DeLorean car. Christopher Lloyd plays the whacky inventor responsible in Robert Zemeckis and Bob Gale's clever, entertaining fantasy (T) (32600260).

3.40 Children's BBC: Flame (S) (7156444). **4.20** Brambly Hedge (S) (7667208). **4.45** Swap 'Til You Drop (S) (T) (481314). **5.15** News; Weather: Regional News (2692314).

5.40 Neighbours (S) (T) (481685).

Surprisingly engaging shaggy dog comedy, which sees canine-hating suburban paterfamilias Charles Grodin stealing the movie from the eponymous St Bernard that is destroying his home. Wittily scripted, bracingly caustic and featuring a cast that also includes one-time Disney regular Dean Jones and a pre-X Files David Duchovny (S) (7) (3956173).

7.30 Top of the Pops. This week's guests include B*Witched, Billie, New Radicals, Mariah Carrey and, at number one, Mr Ozlo with Flat Eric (S) (T) (89).

8.00 Ground Force. The team revisit the patch of weeds in Whitley Bay that they transformed into a seashore gravel garden 18 months ago (S) (T) (8550). Changing Rooms Redecorated. Anna Ryder-Richardson finds out what became of the dining room she designed in Birmingham in a previous series. See Ground Force, above, and spot the trend (S) (318588).

9:10 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (200289)

9.30 RIGIDIS The Dark Room. 1/2. New two-part thriller adapted from Minette Walters's novel and starring Dervia Kirwan as a crash victim suffering from amnesia. See Drame of the Day, below (S) (T) (2906685).

10.45 Gillical Parkinson. Woody Allen gives his first British chat-show interview in 35 years. See Chat Show of the Day, below (S) (T) (551463). 11.35 The Word on the Street. The Bishop of Liverpool meets victims of the Troubles in Ulster (599173).

COMEDY IS PARAMOUNT

STAY FOR ONE.

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11.50 IIIM Far and Away (Ron Howard 1992 US). While we wait for Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman's new film Eyes Wide Shut, here they are again in this old-tashioned 11.45 Seinfeld. A special double-length stot celebrating the show's 100th episode, it sees Jerry Seinfeld, Jason

BBC2

TIM Man's Favourite Sport? (Howard Hawks 1964 US). Fitfully amusing comedy starring Rock Hudson as a fishing-tackle salesman who hates angling-Paula Prentiss plays his amorous PR woman (82988666)

10.50 1217 Kidnapped (Delbert Mann 1971 US). Michael Caine makes a surprisingly good Alan Breck in this trim adeptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's Jacobite rebailion adventure. With Trevor Howard, Donald Pleasence and exteriors shot in Scotland (20530314).

12.30 Birds with Tony Soper (R) (S) (3747550).

covers the opening day's Davis Cup sing from Birmingham's National Indoor Arenu Henman and Greg Rusedski Inspire Britt competition for the first time since 1936? Sue Barker and with commentary from a Chris Balley, Mark Cox and Peter Flemin

7.00 Lee and Herring's This Morning with Richard, Not Judy (S) (T) (7444).

7.30 Local Heroes. Adam Hart-Davis visits the North West to celebrate the work of inventors Frank Hornby, creator of Meccano, Arthur Doodson, who worked on tide prediction, and astronomer Jeremiah Horrocks (R) (31).

Murder Most Horrid. "Dinner at Tilfany's". The last of these spoofs sees Dawn French as a dinner lady in love with a headmistress (Frances Barber) (S) (T) (3463).

9.00

12.50 Davis Cup Tennis: Great Britain vs USA. Wall-to-well tennis this afternoon and early evening as BBC2 6,00

8.00 As the Crow Files. The crow files from Deaf Heights to Irehope Moor, crossing Hadrian's Wall (where Janet Street-Porter meets Sting) (S) (T) (6192).

Helen Childress's comedy drama about four graduate slackers in Houston will be best appreciated by those in their late twenties (the details are particularly almed at that generation). Winone Ryder leads the way as Leiaine, who has won her first job working for an obnoxious talkshow host. Ethan Hawke plays the house-sharing philosopher poet unsettling her views on life (S) (516821).

12.30 INITIA The Bride of Frankenstein (James Whate 1935 US). To Frankenstein's monster – a wife. James Whale's very camp horror classic with Elsa Lanchester. See *Film of the Day*, below (Then *Weatherview*) (T) (9889512). To 1.50am. Alexander, Michael Richards and Julia Louis-Dreytoreving highlights from past shows (5) (599043).

US). The first of two James Whale 1932
US). The first of two James Whale movies today is this wonderful, tongue-in-cheek gothic horror pastiche in which a group of stranded travellers (including Charles Laughton and Mervyn Douglas) is forced to take refuge with a sinister, decadent family whose butter is played by Borls Karloff. Get up early or set the video (8450482).

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Gardeners' World. Alan Titchmarsh has some gardening tips for the long Easter weekend (S) (T) (5227).

9.30 Never Wind the Buzzcocks. Pop played for laught with Tony Wright of Terrorvision, Howard Jones, Grant Nicholas of Feeder, and comedian Bill Bailey (443685).

Parrant on TV. Mr and Mrs with Julian Clary has been jiven the chop after only two weeks, which seems a bit ough as it wasn't that bad, It's replaced by this boring yid repeat (1) (59685).

TV Nightly News; Weather (T) (119666). leasure Island. More from the people indulging in uninhibited fun" at the holiday resort Hedonism II. leggis celebrates her 50th birthday by going on a nude stamaran cruise. Why, thanks (35005).

IIIM Age of Treason (Kevin Connor 1983 US). A letective mystery set in Ancient Rome – a good Idea and one which has surprisingly not been done before, et's hope they try it again – and more imaginatively nen this. Bryan Brown plays the togatic sleuth looking not the disappearance of a senator's son (S) (T) (321951). lub@Vision (7382932), **3.05** Box Office America 4807999), To 3.35am. don Tonight (482735). 11.30 Nightlife (878647).

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5.45 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (373227).

Mr Bean. Oh please, not Mr Bean. A double bill of Rowan Atkinson's silent buffoon, with Bean attending an adult education day and checking into a hotel. If you find yourself laughing, take a paracetamol and lie down at once (R) (68821).

ruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Brucie onuses on offer at the turn of a card (S) (T) (4598).

7.30 Coronation Street. Nick discovers the missing money. Maud's stunt defeats Audrey (S) (T) (85).

Hornblower. "The Frogs and the Lobsters". The last of these occasional CS Forester adaptations starring loan Gruffudd as Lieutenant Horatio Hornblower. This yarn gives our man romantic scenes with Estelle Skornik, Nicole from the Renault adverts, as a Breton schoolteacher. Antony Sher (as a mad Jacobin) and Peter Vaughan are also involved, as Hornblower is dispatched to the French maintand in an attempt to overthrow the Revolution (S) (T) (2005).

9.30 Smack the Pony. The second episode of Flona Allen, Doon Mackichan and Sally Phillips's sketch show was a lot weaker than the first. Let's hope it was only a blip (S) (T) (78208).

10.30 So Graham Norton. With Billy Zane and model Jordan (T) (179918).

11.10 King of the Hill (842482), 11.40 TFI Friday (889753), 12.60 Pulp (1496574), 1.10 Flava (1777067), 1.40 The Mod Squad (3050883), 2.40 Vids (5025241).

playful but not very scary California-set werewolf spoot. Dee Wallace stars as a TV journalist who becomes suspicious when she hears howling noises from the woods near the meditation centre run by Patrick Macnee. The ground-breaking man-to-wolf transformation scenes were devised by Rob Bottin (T) (758338). To 4.45am.

ITV News; Weather (T) (74700840), 12,45 London Today (T) (831260), 1.15 Daffy Duck's Egg-citement (T) (84100024).

Stevens 1965 US). Man Von Sydow makes a very ascetic Christ in this heavily reverential but often very silly all-star telling of Jesus's journey from Galilee to Golgotha. With Donald Pleasence as the Devil, Dorothy McGuire as Mary, Claude Rains typecast as Herod and John Wayne as a Roman centurion (T) (35173734).

Little Horrors, Little Darlings (2687482). 5,40 London Tonight (T) (212005).

7.30

Animal Marvels. Wildlife documentary about nature's "musicians" (5) (1) (6399289).

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Knight Rider. Michael and his talkative motor help a young women to track down the murderer of her father, a magazine publisher (2329289).

Family Affairs. Last night's "outing" leaves Clive feeling miserable and dejected. Roy, meanwhile, is released from prison (S) (T) (6393005).

8.00 Trading Up. Laboured challenge show as, this week, the owners of a Nissen Micra and a Rover Metro look to the owners c. _. trade up (T) (1260).

Brookside. Is it finally the end for Jimmy and Jackle? Susannah, meanwhite, mourns Emlly and Matthew (S) (T) (3145).

9.00 Friends. Rachel accidentally lets Ross's pet monkey escape. From the archives (R) (S) (T) (8531).

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hildren's ITV: Hey Arnold! (T) (7367753). 9.50 ngy Beavers (8011579). 10.20 Oggy and the ockroaches (1941376). 10.40 The Easter Story eepers (1000550). 12.00 Crossing Rome (T) (58956).

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6.00 TFI Friday. Chris Evans's guests this week are Gall Porter, Suede, Electronic and Ben Folds Five (S) (66483).

10.00 Frasier. Woody Harrelson guest stars as Frasier receives a visit from the Cheers barman, Woody. Cue much reminiscing (S) (T) (57227).

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (S) (98624395).

Boy Meets World (1200869), 11.50 T4orce (8151145), 12.00 Sesame Street (T) (56598), 12.30 Bewitched (R) (T) (58444), 1.00 Pet Rescue (55918), 1.30 The Ocean World of John Stoneman (R) (80043). US). Above-par big-top musical with Doris Day and dad Jimmy Durante battling to salvage their tiny circus to a backdrop of lovely Rodgers and Hart songs: This Can't Be Love. The Most Beautiful Girl in the World, My Romance and many others (T) (82021289).

(R) (S) (T) (2015685), 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (2803043), 7.35 Dappledown Farm (R) (4234956), 8.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (R) (8014289), 8.30 Witchworld (S) (8006250), 9.00 Nancy Lam (R) (S) (T) (4978685), 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (3445753), 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (R) (6034937), 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (441011), 11.10 Leeza (R) (S) (3182376), 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (8017376), 12.30 Family Affairs (S) (T) (5934555), 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (2014956), 1.30 The Roseanne Show (S) (6384096), 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (2318173), 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (8901043).

UK). Harley Street doctor John Mills has a problem.

A film star is found murdered in his flat and the murder weapon is found in his car. He's not guilty of the crime, but can he prove it? Copper Roland Culver investigates (1) (74163).

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Wartime schmaltz in which American US Air Force Wartime schmaltz in which American US Air Force bomber Harrison Ford falls for married English rose Lestey-Anne Down at the height of the Bitz. When Ford is sent on a dangerous mission to France with a top British intelligence officer, he is shocked to find out that the man is the unsuspecting husband of his lover (2076573).

Collectors' Lot (T) (79). 4.00 Filteen to One (R) (S) (T) (14). 4.30 Countdown (S) (T) (7827314). 4.55 Ricki Lake (S) (T) (9672647). 5.30 Pet Rescue (S) (T) (50).

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6.00 6 News and Sport (S) (T) (6302753).

5,30 100 Per Cent (S) (6305840).

Priday. On the anniversary of the historic Good Friday Northern Ireland peace treaty, a look back at the delicate negotiations that finally persuaded sworn enemies such as Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists to sign the agreement. But can it be sustained, wonder Jon Snow and guests? (T) (3111).

8,00 Was It Good for You? The Amaiti coastline of Italy is this week's destination (S) (2338937).

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8.30 Nick's Quest. Nick Baker returns to Venezuela to explore the sand nests of the Orinoco crocodile (S) (T)

The life of devoted manna Faye Dunaway is turned upside-down by the discovery that her son has taken part in the brutal gang rape of a high-school girl. Matters only get worse when she realises her husband is determined to conceal his son's involvement (49455111).

11.50 [3][M] Improper Conduct (Jag Munchra 1994 US). "Erotic thriller" (5) (2010821). 10.50 Lexx - the Dark Zone Stories. More loopy sci-fi with the bad hair day crew (R) (S) (3068444).

3.25 [IIIM] Face the Edge (Peter Winograd 1989 US)
Three friends take a skiing trip (87180680). To 4.40em.

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DRAMA OF THE DAY

I'ves again – in this taut and stylishly directed adaptation of a Minette "The Sculptress" Walters story. Former Ballykissangel sweetheart Dervik Kirwan, looking suitably fragile and psychotic with her hair shaved off, has lost her memory after crashing her car into a brick wall. Just as well, given the flashbacks to what looks like the murder of her ex-boytriend and his new lover. James Wilby is the neuro-surgeon at the fancy private clinic where Kirwan is recuperating – and, in the grand Hitchcockian manner of these things he rather falls for



CHAT SHOW

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OF THE DAY

Michael Parkinson's chat show hat on its laurels. The last in the curre scoop - Woody Allen's first British in 35 years. The occasion is Allen's which Kenneth Branagh stars as and failed novelist who decides to marriage to his gal battle with his forme

FILM OF THE DAY

BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN (1230am BBC2, right) With Bill Condon's film about James Whale, Cods and Monsters, doing the rounds, here's a chance to catch Whale's 1935 masterpiece. Asked by Universal to make a follow-up to his seminal 1931 horror movie, Frankenstein, Whale went several better with this deliciously knowing comedy classic (forget Mel Brooks's Young Frankenstein – the genre had had its ultimate send-up nearly 40 years previously). Elsa Lanchester plays both Mary Shelley and the bride, who goes "Eeeek!" on her seeing her intended for the first time. With Colin Clive as Dr Frankenstein and Kurloff as the monster.



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